

Primary offers opportunity to voice choices in local affairs

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With final exams and projects on students' minds, many might forget that Nebraska's 2008 primary is rapidly approaching.

The primary will take place on May 13, with polls opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m.

The deadline for voter registration is 6 p.m. today, which includes changing information like a new address or party affiliation.

Voters can request early voting ballots to be mailed until 4 p.m. on Wednesday from county election offices. The close of polls on May 13 is the deadline for those ballots' return. May 12 is the last day for in-person early voting at county election offices.

Even though the presidential races are essentially moot in Nebraska — as the Democratic caucus results trump primary results — voters will have the opportunity to express their opinion on a variety of state and local issues.

Republican candidate John McCain will be joined only by Ron Paul on the GOP ballot, while Nebraska Democrats caucused for Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton by more than a two-to-one ratio during the February caucuses.

The Republican ballot will feature contests for a U.S. senator nomination between former Gov. Mike Johanns and Pat Flynn as well as the U.S. House of Representatives' second district nomination between Lee Terry and

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Environmental issues *UNO making strides toward a greener campus, sustainable future for university*



On Wednesday, demonstrators urged the campus to decrease the usage of plastic bags by encouraging them to "Choose to reuse."

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NEWS EDITOR

The Pep Bowl was made a little livelier and a little trashier Wednesday when a UNO professor dressed up with more than 500 plastic grocery bags, in an effort to emphasize the first two conservation R's — reduce and reuse.

"The goal is to really get people thinking differently. When you go to the grocery store they usually ask you, 'Paper or plastic?' and we're really trying to tell people it's neither," said Cammy Watkins, a Sierra Club organizer. "We want to start reducing and reusing and finally recycling ... that's the last step, really, of that

equation."

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Professor David Corbin covered himself with more than 500 plastic trash bags.

Corbin, in character as the antagonistic Bag Monster, roamed the Pep Bowl urging students to continue using plastic and other non-renewable sources.

"The bag monster is showing on average how many plastic bags one person uses a year ... we need to stop that," said Bogueban Dogomanue, a graduate assistant in HPER.

Demonstrators also handed out fabric grocery bags as an alternative to paper or plastic.



photos by Jillian Whitney
Professor David Corbin, dressed as Bag Monster, roamed the Pep Bowl.

"[Plastic bags] only work about five minutes. Then we get to rest on the beach, in a tree, clog up streams, go into animals," Corbin

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Independent party members participate in primary voting, election process

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On May 13, Nebraskans registered for a political party will be able to participate in selecting that party's candidate for the national presidential election.

According to papers filed with the Nebraska secretary of state, there are five candidates running for president under the Democratic and Republican parties. With Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton still dueling for the Democratic Party nomination, the fact that there are seven candidates running as independents is often overlooked.

Both the Nebraska and Green Party have several candidates on the ballot in May, with three for the Nebraska Party and four for the Green Party.

"It's an uphill struggle, no question about that," said Steve Larrick, Green Party chair and candidate for U.S. Senate in Nebraska. "I feel that as much as it is important to win, it's also important to get the message out there so people see there are alternative policies that could be helping our society move in a much more positive direction."

Paul Rossberg, with the Nebraska Party, agreed, expressing concern over a political process where two parties dominate the elections.

"If it gets bad enough, people will pay attention," Rossberg said. "I don't know how bad it's going to get. There've been cases where third party candidates have won, but big money interests control most things. People seem to be satisfied as long as they've got a car to make payments on, a can of beer and they've got their credit cards."

He said money had influenced the political process to the point where independents are rarely elected.

"The money power is right down there in Omaha and Lincoln," Rossberg said. "More and more, people on the other side of Grand Island and Norfolk, those people don't have much representation. They're fed up."

The key, for many voters, will be to remember that there are more

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Panel on affirmative action in Omaha

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Affirmative action returned to the forefront of campus discussions again Wednesday evening.

About 30 people, the majority being students, gathered to hear a group panel in the Bostrapper Hall of the William H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center.

The event featured former Omaha Police Chief Thomas H. Warren, now senior president

and CEO of The Urban League of Nebraska.

Other panelists were UNL political science Professor Byron D'andra Orey, Ramon Sanchez and Charlie Livingston. UNO sociology Professor Thomas Sanchez moderated the event.

"The point here is that affirmative action allows individuals who are otherwise qualified to be given opportunity that certain segments of our population have been denied due to discrimination," Warren said. "When you have entities

or agencies that may have had a history of discriminatory hiring practices, then they had to implement strategies to address those inadequacies."

Among other things, Warren discussed working with Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey to diversify the Omaha Police Department.

"The city of Omaha had an opportunity, in some respects forced upon them, to address this under-utilization," Warren said. "As an executive, I can tell you that Omaha Police

Department is one [of] the more diverse metropolitan police departments in the United States of America: 10 to 12 percent African American, 67 percent Latino, 22 percent female."

After each of the panelists made presentations, questions were taken from the audience.

One attendee asked Sanchez why minority women were counted twice for affirmative action — once for their race and

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Computer lab schedules had not been finalized by press time.



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Crime Log

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Wednesday, April 23

10:31 p.m. Staff member reported theft of personal property from their office at the Peter Kiewit Institute. Incident occurred between 3 p.m. and 3:09 p.m., Monday, April 21.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said Campus Security believes the suspect is the same from a theft reported on Tuesday, April 22, of a theft of personal property between 3:40 p.m. and 3:50 p.m. on April 21.

The suspect in that incident was described as an African American male, mid 40s, 5-foot-5, 140 pounds and wearing a red, white and black track suit.

Friday, April 25

12:15 a.m. Campus Security responded to loud noise at University Village. Further investigation disclosed the explosion of dry ice bombs at University Village.

Sunday, April 27

12:03 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed alcohol and drug violations. Omaha police were notified. One student was cited for possession of a controlled substance less than an ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A second student was cited for minor in possession, and a third was cited for procuring for a minor and possession of a controlled substance under an ounce. Kosel said both controlled substance charges were for marijuana. Kosel said all three were also referred for disciplinary action.

1:15 a.m. While investigating the above activity, Omaha police witnessed further suspicious activity west of University Village. Further investigation disclosed two students and one visitor in an alcohol violation. All three students were cited by Omaha police for minor in possession. Kosel said the two students were also referred for disciplinary action.

2:33 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed a student engaged in hazardous behavior. Further investigation disclosed four students with alcohol violations. Omaha police responded and cited all four students for minor in possession. Kosel said all four were also referred for disciplinary action.

For the Record

In the April 29, 2008 news article "Middle schooler hit by stray bullet," the *Gateway* misidentified an individual.

Lindsey Nealon was the referee at the soccer game.

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said as the Bag Monster. "We're going to rule the Earth. We want people to use more plastic, and these people here are trying to get people to use fabric bags."

Also on Wednesday, the university unveiled a campus sustainability Web site. The site lists several issues related to sustainability and UNO's steps forward in those areas.

Including issues like landscaping, recycling and energy, it also addresses how students, faculty and staff can participate in making UNO a greener campus.

But many students are already helping the university by organizing recycling programs, like the Scott's Recycling Program, as well as simply picking up trash on campus.

"I guess we were just sick and tired of all the garbage around campus, so we just decided to have an event in spirit of Earth Day and everything else going on," said



photo by Jillian Whitney

Hosted by the UNO chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, the demonstration educated students on reusing grocery bags.

Tom Waples, organizer of a campus cleanup. "We invited a bunch of groups on campus to help us out."

He said he hoped to continue the cleanups, something he believed students really wanted to be a part of.

"It seems like a lot of people don't know how easy it is to recycle in Omaha," Waples said. "The main thing is probably just making people aware."

Senior staff writer Jillian Whitney and contributor Eugene Kim contributed to this report.

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choices than just red or blue, said Larrick.

After May's primary, the top recipient of votes in each party will advance to the national election on Nov. 4.

Republican

John McCain
Ron Paul

Green

Jesse Johnson
Cynthia McKinney
Kent Mesplay
Kat Swift

Democrat

Hillary Clinton
Mike Gravel
Barack Obama

Nebraska

Don J. Grundmann
Bryan Malatesta
Biane Beall Templin

Street addresses on campus for emergency responders

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NEWS EDITOR

While mailing addresses will remain the same, buildings on UNO's Dodge Street campus will soon be labeled with street addresses in an effort to assist emergency personnel and make the campus easier to navigate.

By the time summer sessions roll around, each building will be assigned a street address and sign. The new street addresses will be based on five of UNO's main inner streets – University Drive North, University Drive South, University Drive East, University Drive West and Maverick Plaza.

A product of UNO instating the e911 system, the street addresses will also help new-comers to campus find their way.

The e911 system, said Stan Schleifer, manager of support services, is a system that allows 911 operators to see where on campus a call is being made.

Calls made to off-campus numbers from the university are routed through the telephone switch at the Nebraska Medical Center, he said.

"So, what this is going to do now is give the 911 operator more information, tell them what phone set and also tell them what phone set is related to a specific area," Schleifer said.

As the university uploaded the database for the e911, it was decided to also extend the addresses to buildings.

"It'll be more helpful for visitors who are coming to campus for the first time, for contractors, utility-type questions," Schleifer said. "It's main purpose from our view point was emergency response and first responders."

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said the e911 system would allow for security officers to be first on the scene.

"When a call is made to 911 from a campus phone, it'll basically alert us that a call is being made to 911 and from where," Kosel said. "We can go ahead and send an officer over there, even before 911 calls us. It's not very often, but ever once and awhile we'll get a rescue squad that's not used to campus."

Street numbers for both the Pacific Street and Center Street campuses have already been established.

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Blackboard on students' phones

Text messaging could become next learning tool

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Cell phones that only send and receive calls are fossils to many college students. These days, many services including e-mail, music and Internet are accessed by cell phone.

For UNO students, mobile cell phone classrooms might not be far behind.

Blackboard Inc., a leading provider of educational software and services to campuses across the nation, including UNO, announced in January the acquisition of the NTI Group Inc.

NTI is a major mobile messaging provider for both educational and government organizations. Messages sent within the NTI system can be sent by landline, cell phone, personal organizer, e-mail as well as other methods.

According to a press release, Blackboard purchased NTI for \$182 million, which was paid in both cash and stock options.

Linking up with NTI allows Blackboard to move into the alert and notification market and raises the possibility of higher education learning working with different mobile options such as text messaging.

This merger could someday give professors the ability to send text messages to their students reminding them of upcoming assignments or other time-sensitive news.

"It's not really clear at this point what the long-term implications of Blackboard acquiring NTI are," said Michael Zimmerman, UNO Information Technology Services' system administrator. "It doesn't necessarily mean a major shift in either Blackboard's or NTI's direction or capabilities, merely that Blackboard would like to get a slice of the pie in the business of wireless alerting and notification."

Lanyce Keel, UNO's director of academic partnership for instruction, said the university is interested in allowing students more mobile access to academic materials.

"I think if we heard from faculty and staff that a Blackboard mobile option was something that was needed and it was presented at a reasonable cost, we'd absolutely want to move in that direction," she said.

Zimmerman said the merger between Blackboard and NTI will not have any immediate implications for UNO, but it could in the future.

"UNO has already invested in e2Campus, one of NTI's competitors, for SMS emergency notifications," Zimmerman said. "There is so much going on with

Blackboard that we in ITS really only investigate those new capabilities that faculty and students have let us know there's a need for or an interest in. So, if there's something more that you'd like to be able to do with Blackboard, let us know."

Nicole Wiemer, a junior art education major, said she liked the idea of having Blackboard go mobile and would not mind paying for the service.

"I never really go on Blackboard and check my announcements, so having it mobile would probably keep me more up-to-date," Wiemer said. "I don't think I would even notice if there was a

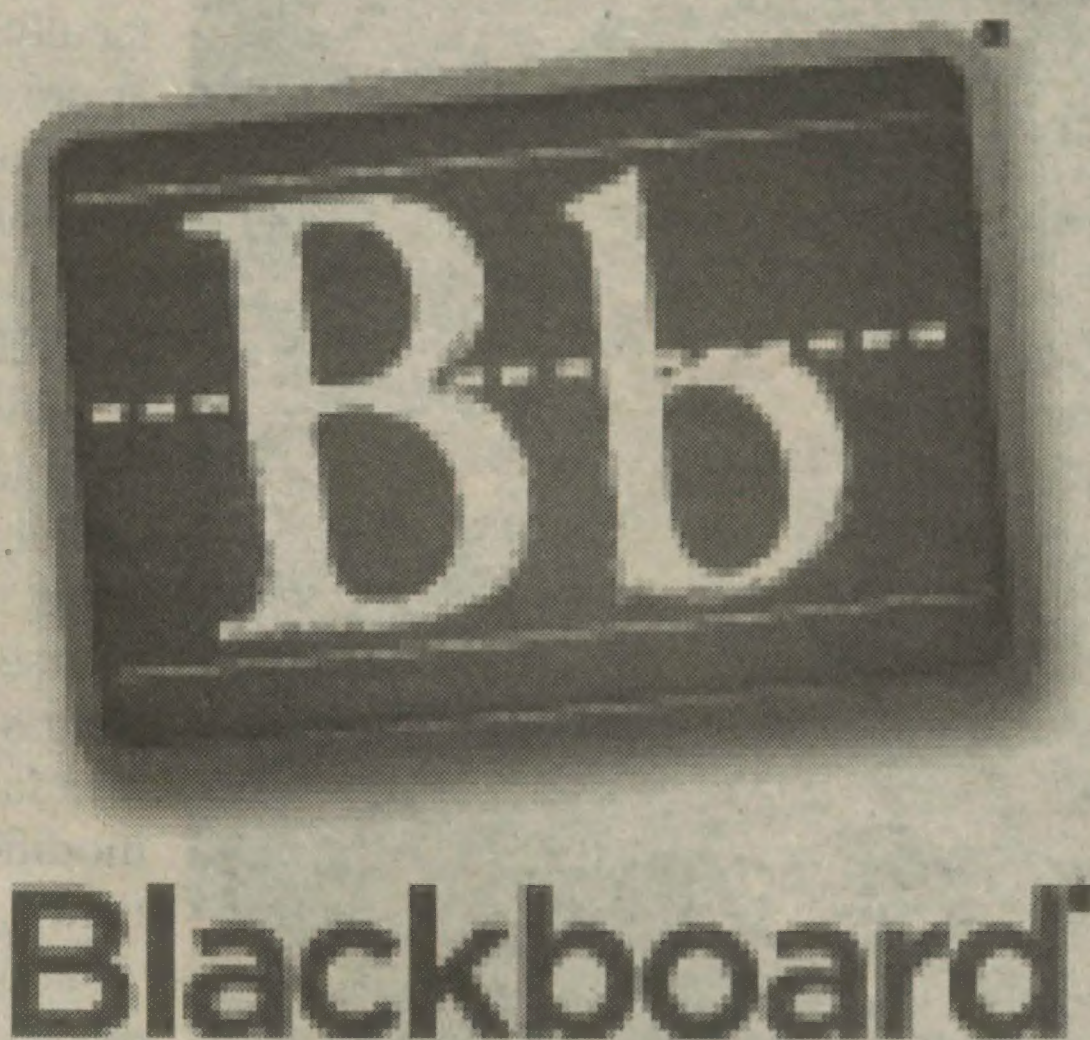
student fee increase, so I would probably not mind paying."

Tracy Hamann, a sophomore communications major, said though she liked the idea of Blackboard going mobile, she didn't feel it was necessary enough to pay for the service.

"I don't really want to see student fees go up anymore. We have that emergency alert system and that was free to sign up for. It didn't cost anything and that's for emergency alerts of any kind. So, I don't see why fees would have to increase to just to make Blackboard mobile," Hamann said.

Blackboard is also undergoing some updates this spring including a restructured grade book for professors.

"It will give faculty a few more options where they can actually drop the lowest grade and so just a little bit more flexibility in how they use the grade book," Keel said.



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Former Omaha Police Chief Thomas H. Warren addressed affirmative action within Omaha as well as its police force. The panel was held at the William H. Thompson Alumni Center on Wednesday.

once for their gender.

"Irrespective of that opportunity or that gap in the definitions, minorities and women are consistently underrepresented in comparison to the rates that they comprise in the qualified labor pool," Sanchez said. "When you're talking about recruiting women, we're concerned with [what] the availability of women is in a particular occupation group."

The panel raised issues surrounding affirmative

Organization.

LPAAC is a new student organization created in January 2008 to promote awareness and action in Latino and non-Latino issues in the local community as well as the state and pan-America communities, according to the group's Facebook.com profile.

Sports Editor Jason Sibson contributed to this report.

Cheaters, beware:

Blackboard, UNO pilot plagiarism software

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UNO has been piloting a new anti-plagiarism product this semester and will continue to into the fall.

SafeAssign, a plagiarism prevention program, is offered in Blackboard's latest product release. The program requires electronic submissions of papers to a database where it is scanned to identify potential plagiarism. The product is offered at no additional cost to Blackboard users.

Lanyce Keel, UNO's director of partnership for instruction, said though she sees the advantages of the program, there are still problems to work out.

"There is some debate to how helpful SafeAssign actually is because even if you cite something correctly, it flags it as coming from another source because it did, or if it's not cited correctly, it flags it, or if it's just a common phrase, like the United States of America, it flags it," Keel said.

Establishing whether the product will be useful to faculty and staff is the main objective of the pilot, Keel said.

"At this point, we have to determine how we can use the product as it exists and whether or not the usefulness outweighs the potential extra time it takes to use the product," Keel said.

Keel said anti-plagiarism products have become more necessary on college campuses because of the ease of access to information on the Internet.

"What makes plagiarism more prevalent now-a-days is the fact you can copy and paste on the Web, where, if you think about 20 years ago, if I wanted to use a paragraph out of an article, I still had to bother to type it," Keel said. "And, so what we are talking about, I think, is a younger generation has a different definition of plagiarism because they have grown up with Web-based information."

UNO's Writing Center is one of the departments on campus trying out the new system. Director Dorianne Richards said the center was using SafeAssign to teach students what plagiarism looks like and how to cite correctly.

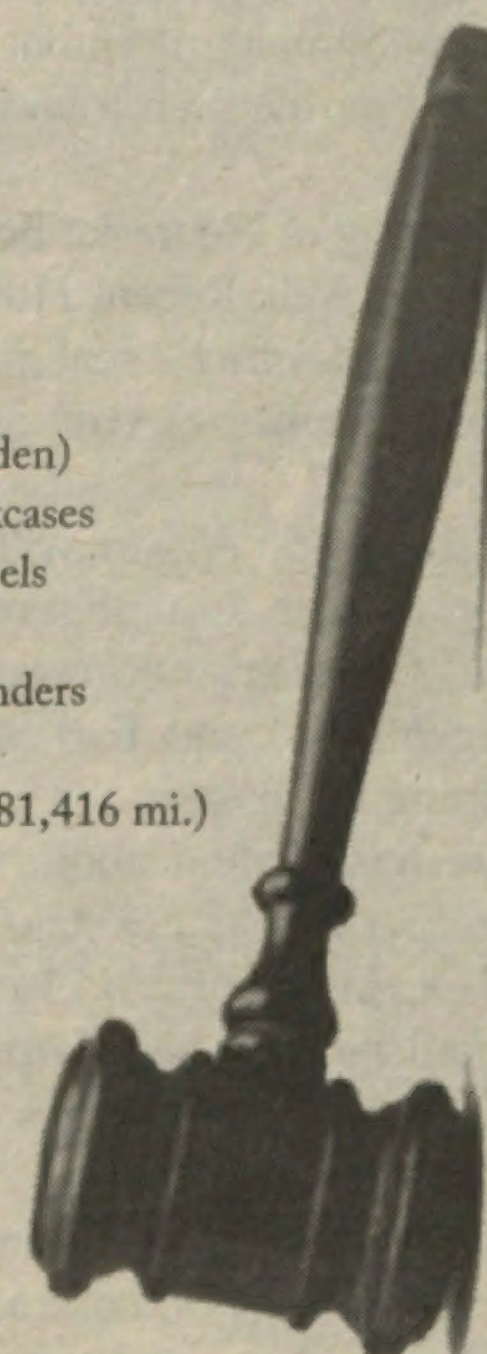
"We are involved with helping students understand how to quote and paraphrase accurately and appropriately and how to document sources correctly. So, that is our involvement, we are, of course, always concerned with

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PUBLIC SALE: There will be a public auction of University surplus property at the warehouse at 3805 N. 16th St. on Saturday, June 7th. Standley Auction & Realty Co. will handle the sale. Items may be viewed starting at 8 a.m. on the date of the sale with the auction to start at 10 a.m.

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WVU degree for governor's daughter 'seriously flawed'

RY RIVARD

THE DAILY ATHENAEUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (U-WIRE) – West Virginia University administrators "cherry-picked" information and pulled courses "from thin air" to award a degree to the governor's daughter.

The findings from a five-member panel said that Heather Bresch did not earn an Executive Masters of Business Administration in December 1998. The decision to grant her an eMBA in October 2007 was "seriously flawed," "defective" and "reflected poor judgment," according to the panel's report.

The report, released on Wednesday, did not find that Bresch's political connections helped her earn the degree. Instead, officials felt rushed "primarily and inappropriately by concerns about public relations and by Ms. Bresch's high profile. She was, in fact, treated in an unusual and unique manner."

Bresch is WVU President Michael S. Garrison's former lobbying client. She is also Gov. Joe Manchin's daughter and an executive at Mylan Inc., whose founder is a major WVU donor.

During a special session, the Board of Governors, after about 45 minutes of deliberation, asked that Garrison accept responsibility for errors in judgment.

There was no clear indication of what form such responsibility may take or if anyone university positions were in danger.

Provost Gerald Lang and the dean of the College of Business and Economics received the harshest treatment from the report because of their actions in and after an Oct. 15 meeting where officials decided to grant Bresch a degree.

Lang told the panel that, because there were conflicting accounts of whether or not Bresch earned the degree and because there was a belief that no other information was available, "the decision was made based on the discussion at the meeting to award Ms. Bresch an MBA degree, whether she had actually earned it or not," according to the report's paraphrasing of his account.

Though Lang asked four participants from the business school about whether they agreed with the decision to award the degree to Bresch, he is accused of exerting an actual or perceived pressure to go along with the decision that was palpable.

Paul Speaker, the former director of the eMBA program and a current business school professor, said he

was the lone objector among the four, which included the college's dean.

The meeting included three members of the Garrison's staff, including Chief of Staff Craig Walker, in whose office the meeting was held. Also present were the provost and the four members of the business college. In less than an hour, they decided to award Bresch the degree.

But, according to the report, they had little evidence for the decision. The primary information was:

- Walker's account of a telephone conversation with Bresch and her claim that she attended a convocation in Dec. 1998. She also said that in 1998, Speaker excused her

Admissions and Records was trustworthy and accurate all along Bresch did not earn an eMBA.

The report also faults the College of Business and Economics Dean R. Stephen Sears for his actions during and after the meeting.

At the meeting, he concluded that the information produced a tie about whether or not she earned the degree and that ties should give the benefit of the doubt to the student.

Afterward, Sears questionably modified Bresch's records and signed forms that pulled grades from "thin air."

This meant that, without the consultation or approval of appropriate faculty and division chairs, the dean was approving grades.

Both he and Lang credited Bresch's reported account over Speaker's account.

And, "They [and other administrators from B&E] knew that Ms. Bresch even by her own account had not attended or completed any courses in the summer or fall of 1998. "Nonetheless, over Dean Sears' signatures rather than the requisite course instructors' and department chair's signatures [as required by WVU standard operating procedures], grade modification forms were prepared and filed to add to her transcript" credit hours "that the principals all knew that she had not taken."

The panel made several recommendations, including that WVU should take appropriate action with respect to the awarding of an unearned degree to Bresch.

They also recommended some house-keeping changes, including relying on

Admissions and Records, not unofficial records; protecting student records (Bresch's records were illicitly provided to *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*); reconsidering procedures for handling and tracking transcript and grade modifications; and suggesting the president's office develop standard operating procedures for handling an individual academic concern when it is brought to its attention.

President Garrison said he would take full responsibility for implementing the recommendations of the panel as required by the board.

A spokesperson said before the meeting that no heads would roll as a result of the actions described in the report.

Dean Sears said he did not know if he was in trouble.

Provost Lang said we knew when we commissioned this panel that it could come up with this conclusion but he also said we realized it could come up with a different conclusion.

The Bresch controversy began shortly after she was appointed chief operating officer at Mylan.

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photo by Chris Jackson / The Daily Athenaeum

Dean of the WVU College of Business and Economics R. Stephen Sears, right, and Provost Gerald Lang answer questions after the Board of Governors' meeting on Heather Bresch on Wednesday.

from all remaining course requirements due to work she was doing for Mylan in California.

- An unofficial list of eMBA graduates, which listed Bresch as graduating in 1999, not 1998, as she claimed.

- Statements by Speaker in which he recalled Bresch had completed work for some number of credits on her transcript.

- Reports that at least another student had grade and course-credit reporting problems similar to Bresch's alleged problems from people in the business college at the meeting.

The report then systematically refutes the claims by finding that:

- No one attempted to confirm Bresch's account of her graduation and that Speaker directly contradicted the report of Bresch's supposed agreement with him.

- Officials unjustifiably relied on the unofficial list of graduates.

- Meeting participants implausibly credited Speaker's assertion that Bresch had completed some of her course work, but they ignored or discredited his assertion that he told her that she had to complete additional work after 1998. In fact, he said that her earning a degree in the fall of 1998 "is the one thing we know did not happen."

- Reports that there were other eMBA students with problems like Bresch's were not true.

Indeed, the panel found that Bresch's transcript from

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Steven Laird.

The Democratic ballot will feature similar contests among Larry Marvin, Scott Kleeb, James Bryan Wilson and Tony Raimondo for senators as well as Jim Esch and Richard N. Carter for representative. Esch and Carter participated in a debate at UNO on April 15.

In addition to political races, this year's primary ballot will include one special issue: A constitutional amendment to allow the investment of public endowment funds by cities authorized by the Nebraska Constitution to establish a charter.

Two University of Nebraska Board of Regents seats are being voted on as well. Regent Howard Hawks is running unopposed for the District 2 seat, representing Washington, Saunders, Cass counties as well as parts of Douglas and Sarpy counties.

Regent Charles S. Wilson will not seek another term as regent for District 1, representing parts of Lancaster County. Tim Clare (clareforregent.com), Don Costello (costelloforregent.com) and Earl Scudder (scudder4regent.com) are running for his seat.

For more information about the primary, voters can visit the Nebraska secretary of state's Web site at sos.ne.gov/elect/2008. Douglas County's Election Commission's Web site is votedouglascounty.com, Sarpy County's is sarpy.com/election and Lancaster County's is lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/election.

Sample ballots are available from both the secretary of state's and county election commission's Web sites. Voters can also check their registration status and polling place online at votercheck.necvr.ne.gov.

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Supporters of medical marijuana law take issue with federal case

By JOHN ELLIS
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

FRESNO, Calif. (MCT) — Luke Scarmazzo is an aspiring hip-hop artist who is facing the possibility of a long stint in prison on federal drug charges.

In the federal government's view, the case against the Modesto, Calif., resident and co-defendant Ricardo Ruiz Montes is fairly simple: they broke the law by selling marijuana through their business, California Healthcare Collective.

That it allegedly was for medical purposes is irrelevant.

But the case—due to start this week in U.S. District Court in Fresno—promises to be anything but straightforward.

For one, there's the ongoing battle between California's Proposition 215, which legalized the

medical use of marijuana, and federal law, which views the drug—even when used for medical purposes—as illegal.

The debate didn't end when the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005 ruled in favor of the federal government, but it will be on display on the trial's fringes, both with medical marijuana supporters expected in the courtroom and a planned noon rally Tuesday outside the federal courthouse.

As with Dustin Costa, the medical marijuana activist who was convicted in Fresno's federal courthouse on drug charges in 2006, attorneys won't be allowed to take the debate to the jury, because possession or use of the drug is illegal under federal law.

Scarmazzo, who has a prior conviction for assault, is not just a medical marijuana activist.

He starred in a hip-hop video that featured him raising two middle fingers to the camera and declaring "[expletive] the feds."

Prosecutors were incensed by the video, which will be introduced as evidence in the trial.

That prompted Fresno attorney Anthony Capozzi, who is representing Scarmazzo, to say Friday in an interview: "They're going to play it to the jury, and the judge is going to allow it. I can't believe it."

Capozzi added: "The government is just piling it on. They're very vindictive in this case."

Brian Landsberg, a professor at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, said the prosecution might look at the video as

establishing or contributing to proof of misconduct.

But they also might want to return the gesture that Scarmazzo displayed in his video.

"If they have a strong case, a case they would have brought anyway, taking some satisfaction in going after this guy is just human," he said of the video.

"It shouldn't influence their decision-making, but that doesn't mean they can't take some pleasure in putting on this evidence."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Servatius, who is prosecuting the case, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The trial comes more than 18 months after U.S. Drug Enforcement

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academic integrity here at UNO," Richards said.

SafeAssign will continue to be piloted in the fall semester, and students will have a chance to express their thoughts about the program.

Robyn Snyder, a senior art education major, said she thought the program was a good idea because it would help students learn.

"As a student, I think this program is necessary, because there are so many people and students out there that need to learn how to cite things properly," Snyder said.

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When *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* made a routine call on Oct. 11, 2007, to check her credentials, WVU's registrar told the paper she did not have an MBA. Then, officials added 22 hours to her transcript, according to records obtained by the *Post-Gazette*.

Never anywhere in the report is anyone charged with willful wrongdoing, Lang said.

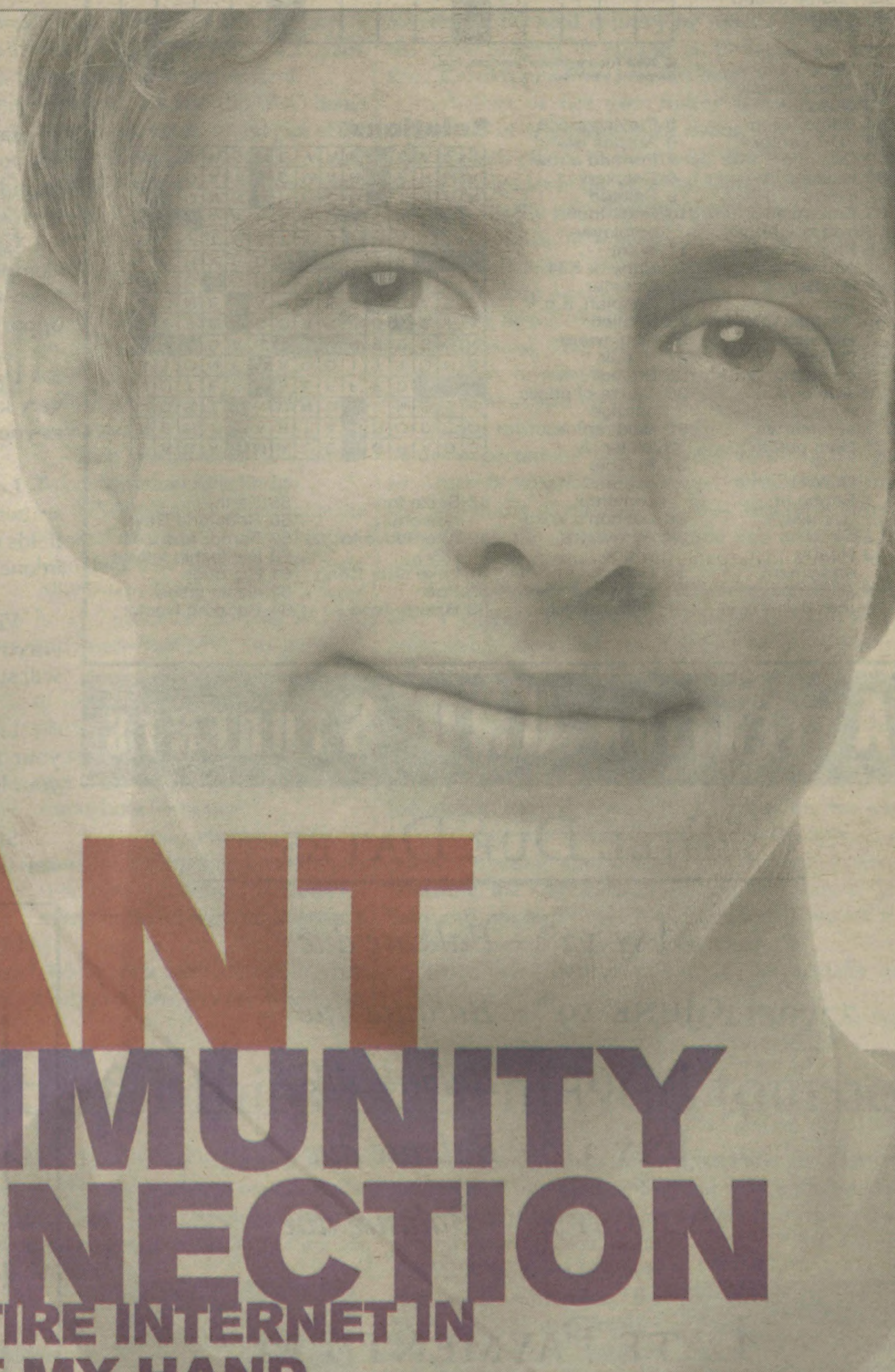
Of the decision on Oct. 15 to award Bresch a degree, the provost said a different decision could have been made with the same information.

The eMBA program seemed to come out of the report mostly unscathed.

Though the panel found some students with anomalies in their record, it found no student with problems comparable to Bresch and no student with credits awarded without official enrollment in courses and for which no tuition was paid.

Speaker said he loved reading the part of the report that cleared the program.


The panel also expressed displeasure with Lang, Sears and the College of Business and Economics Associate Dean Cyril Logar's continued reliance on arguments that other students had situations similar to Bresch, while



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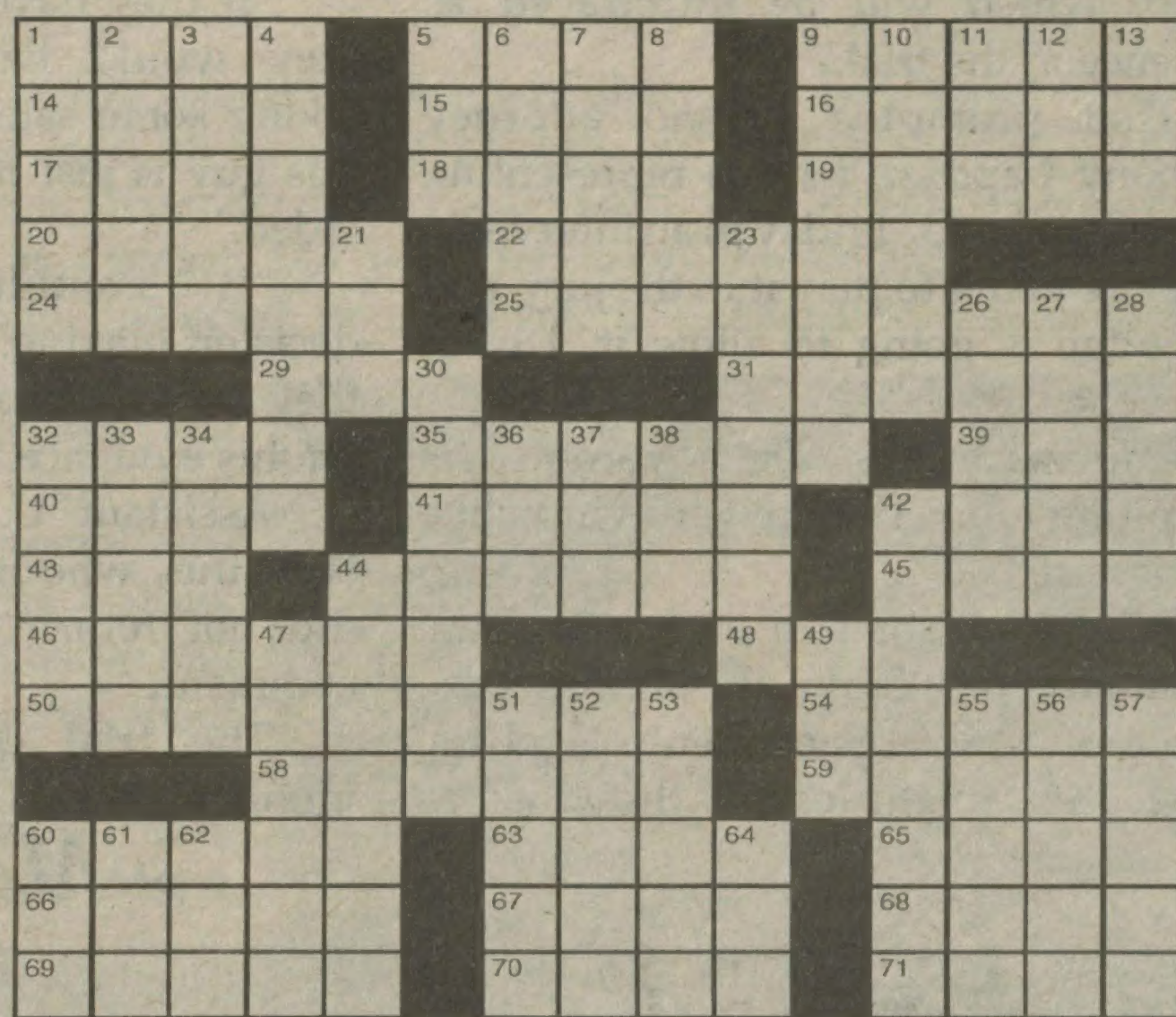
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Horoscopes from the talented



Taurus (April 20-May 20): Be careful not to spend your summer regretting stupid decisions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Competence is key to upcoming success. Keep that in mind as you look for new opportunities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Today is a very karmic day for you. Do unto others as you would have them do upon you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Instead of scattering your attention across broad fields of interest, develop your expertise in one area at a time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you can effectively cope with frustration, nothing will stand in your way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Tending to your inner self may help you reassess your life purpose.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Honoring day-to-day obligations is important, but

try not to lose your way to future goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's time to build on what you have already created, instead of starting things anew.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is important for you to work on reducing the minor mistakes that can blow up into major disasters.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Many new experiences are just around the corner, even if you aren't quite ready to meet them.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It becomes hard to avoid a work-related rut when you accept your current position without actively aspiring for more.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't let the search for support of those around you turn into a search for approval.

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Hockey picks up new prospects Coach Kemp finds talented recruits within USHL

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

The Maverick hockey team got a preview of a new recruit during a junior league game earlier this week.

Omaha hockey fans will be glad to see Ryan Kretzer leave the Lincoln Stars. The gritty 5-foot-8 forward netted three goals and added three assists during an intense five game United States Hockey League playoff series against the Omaha Lancers.

With UNO losing their top three goal scorers to graduation, Mav fans can only hope Kretzer keeps that offensive firepower going when the Maverick recruit returns to Omaha next fall.

Even though Kretzer's season ended with the Stars' 5-4 loss to the Lancers on Wednesday night, the native of St. Louis reflected back on his junior hockey experience as a positive one.

"It's just great players on every team," Kretzer said. "You're going to play the best players every night and that's what you'll do next year in college—it's a good experience."

Kretzer, the Stars second-leading scorer, finished the regular season with 22 goals and 36 assists for 58 total points in 60 games.

"He's a very intelligent hockey player; he's got excellent quickness," UNO Head Coach Mike Kemp said. "He makes subtle plays and gets the puck through traffic to the right person."

Kemp and his staff have taken advantage of the plethora of USHL players available essentially in their own backyard. Of the eight incoming freshmen next season, seven are products of the USHL.

"It's been an area where we've been able to have some success," Kemp said. "I think everyone in college hockey would agree that it's the consummate development league. It's the best development in North America for college hockey players to date."

The coaching staff and the facilities at UNO were the main draw for Kretzer, as well as his future teammates.

"The recruiting class we have coming in, it's one of the best," Kretzer said. "We're going to be good."

Future Mavs from the USHL are Tri-City Storm



UNO recruit and Lincoln Star Ryan Kretzer (center) gets mobbed by teammates after scoring his second goal of the game.

teammates Alex Hudson and Jordan Willert. Hudson, a forward, finished as the Storm's leading scorer with 23 goals. Willert, a 6'3" center, will provide some size up front.

A trio of Indiana Ice players will also call UNO home next season. Forwards Brent Gwidt, a sixth-round pick of the NHL's Washington Capitals, as well as John Kemp and Jake Skjodt, are coming to UNO. Kemp, the leading scorer in the USHL, dished out 59 assists and scored 13 goals for the Ice.

"He's an exceptional player on the power-play. Really sees the ice well," Coach Kemp said. "He's really as pure of a passer as I've seen in 33 years of coaching."

Also headed to UNO is Green Bay defenseman Kyle Ensign.

UNO will add a goalie out of the Western Ontario Hockey League. John Faulkner nabbed first team All-Western Ontario Junior League honors, goalie of the year WOJHL and Sarnia Blast MVP this season.

"Faulkner brings in a real history of solid statistics," Kemp said. "He plays in a league that's largely an offensive league and brings in over a 92 percent save percentage throughout his career."

With the returning players already undergoing conditioning workouts, Kemp anticipates everyone to return from last season's

team that finished 17-19-4.

"We're encouraged. We've got a good nucleus to work with," Kemp said. "It's a balanced class, nice combination of size and skill."



The Lincoln Star's Ryan Kretzer will be one of eight incoming freshmen next season.

photo by Michelle Bishop

UNO ends its season with a tie for third place in NCC tourney

BRETT OSTRONIC
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An up and down season for the UNO tennis team ended this weekend with a third place tie at the North Central Conference tournament in St. Cloud, Minn.

UNO junior Rachel Faulk continued her season-long dominance by capturing the No. 1 singles title, winning 6-4 over North Dakota's Jenna Larson. Faulk later teamed up with team captain Kylie Roe to claim the No. 1 doubles title, trouncing Brittany and Emily Gaster of Augustana 8-2.

Despite its obvious highlights, this tournament was rockier than usual for UNO, winner of the last three conference championships.

It was a tournament in which UNO Head Coach Bill Nichols told his team they had to win, or there would be no automatic spot for them in the NCAA Regional tournament.



Rachel Faulk

This statement was a first for the eight-year coach and may have contributed to the team's overall attitude and performance, Nichols said. That combined with the fact that the Mavs were 12 points down halfway through Saturday made it a lackluster weekend.

"For me, it was the least exciting conference tournament," Nichols said, "Because right from the beginning, we didn't have a chance to win. That took the spark out of us for the last day and a half."

Overall, the 2008 tennis season was a success. Rachel Faulk had the team's best singles season with a .938 winning percentage and an overall record of 15-1. Sara Bredfeldt bounced back from a sub-par 2007 season, in which she went 2-7, and achieved a 10-7 record in 2008.

Off the court, freshman Jenna Nielsen, sophomore Kelsey Haas and Roe were selected to the 2007-08 NCC Commissioners Academic Honor Roll.

A weak point for the Mavs this year was their inability to win away from the friendly confines of the



Kylie Roe

Brandeis Tennis Center in Hanscom Park. The Mavs went winless in all four road contests but went undefeated in all eight home matches. The team's other two wins were at a neutral site in St. Peter, Minn.

With the move to a new conference next year, the Mavs failures or successes will rest on their ability to win on the road and build the confidence necessary to compete away from their familiar surroundings.

The high expectations of a NCC tournament title momentarily came to a halt after this weekend, but it's a sure bet that Nichols will regain those same expectations in his new conference in the years ahead.

"We have a lot of solid personnel being recruited," Nichols said. "At least six new players and possibly some walk-ons."

With standouts Traci Mocklestad from Boone, Iowa, and Samantha Thomas from Wichita, Kan., topping the 2009 recruiting class, the future looks optimistic for the red and black.



Sara Bredfeldt

A boring summer of Olympic Television

Nicholas O'Malley is a columnist for the Massachusetts Daily Collegian at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in Amherst, Mass.

Every four years, residents of every country rally around their flags and boast their national pride as the summer Olympics approach, heralding the beginning of the world's great international competition. It's during this time that every country sends their best athletes to compete in a competition filled with more events than you can count in order to earn the most medals and, in turn, eternal glory. On second thought, they get nothing.

The political aspect of the games is a little overrated. Sweden, a talented country by most accounts, earned the same number of medals as Ethiopia and one less than Kazakhstan (Borat would be proud).

Whether or not you follow the Olympics, and regardless of who wins each event, you still probably take a quick glance at the medal count to see whether or not the leader is the good ol' United States (which it has been for the past three summer games).

The truth is, nowadays, the Olympics are hyped up to be this major political event where each country is measured up against the others in events that most of us have never tried, unless you're an avid hammer toss enthusiast. This struggle for international athletic dominance, however, tends to disappoint in terms of entertainment and viewership.

After ratings for the Sydney games that were below expectations, NBC decided to bring the games to America with 24/7 coverage, which accumulated to 1,210 hours of coverage in 2004. But when it comes down to it, the American people can only watch the same swimming events so many times.

In its prime-time slot, the Olympics were no match for TV juggernauts like American Idol, which may not seem so bad after all. It starts to get bad, however, when the Winter Olympics begin losing the ratings battle to Lost, Survivor and CSI re-runs. The biggest defeat came when the 2006 closing ceremonies attracted only half of the audience of the finale of Dancing with the Stars.

The draw for the Olympics is interesting. There's too much intense competition going on for casual viewers, but the events aren't exactly the type of stuff that's attracting sports fans. The biggest reason for watching the Olympics is for the bald eagles, Uncle Sam and apple pie (we'll be damned if we let those Russians beat us in the floor exercise).

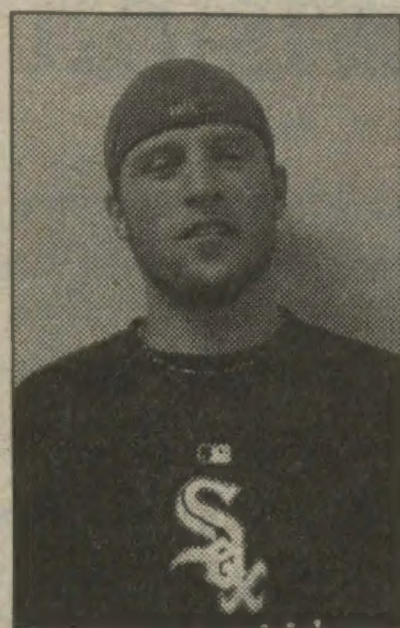
Since the American public doesn't actually enjoy

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The first annual 'Benchies'

A compilation of the best individual and team performances of 2007-08 UNO athletics

From the Bench



Jason Sibson

My first year as sports editor of the *Gateway* has been a treat.

Coaches, players and the athletic department have been more than accommodating to our small but diligent sports staff.

Sunday dinner time cell phone calls to head coaches were nothing short of what we sometimes had to resort to, yet those imposing and impressive figures of our athletic department were always more than happy to help.

And the UNO student athletes were equally as awesome.

Spending my earlier college years in Lincoln, I know how standoffish and arrogant collegiate

athletes can be.

It's amazing. You drop down a division, and you run into players that simply love the game they play.

My experience thus far with athletes on this campus is this: They attend class. They have a life, and they are social, yet, they still put on a hell of a show on game day.

A Division I hockey team and one of the most heralded Division II athletics programs in the country treated us all to a fantastic 2007-08 season.

As the spring season finishes out, the black and red has already locked in five regular season or tournament conference titles.

We've witnessed six national tournament bids, with the distinct possibility of five more before the season wraps up.

Needless to say, David Miller's first season as athletic director has been an enormous success.

In this our last issue of the season, these awards are an attempt put forth by our staff to compile the best of the best during the 2007-08 UNO athletics season.

No need for acceptance speeches; we'll just assume everyone is extremely honored.

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Nominees

Cody Garcia, *wrestling*
Zach Miller, *football*
Pinar Saka, *track/cross country*
Rachel Faulk, *tennis*
Carlie Christensen, *volleyball*

Winner

Cody Garcia, *wrestling* - Garcia was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the regional and national tournaments en route to his second national title. Garcia turned in a 22-1 record, with his only blemish coming by way of injury default. Only a sophomore, Garcia has a realistic shot at becoming one of the greatest wrestlers in this program's illustrious history before his career's over.

BEST LEADER

Nominees

Bryan Marshall, *hockey*
Leslie Svoboda, *softball*
Zach Miller, *football*
Dani McCawley, *soccer*



Winner

Dani McCawley, *soccer* - Generally soft-spoken off the field, McCawley earned her merit as a leader with impeccable on-the-field decision-making skills. The senior captain earned third-team All-American honors and led her team to 11-straight wins and a national quarterfinals appearance. Says Head Coach Don Klosterman, "No doubt, she was one of the best players in Division II this year."

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



Nominees

Beth Haley, *softball*
Dustin Koca, *baseball*
Brian McNeill, *football*
Abbey Weddle, *golf*

Winner

Dustin Koca,

baseball - A transfer from Division I Coastal Carolina, Koca has embarrassed NCC competition this season. Koca has produced 42 RBIs and eight home runs from the three-hole, but shines even brighter as a dominant lefty in the baseball team's vast improving starting rotation. Says teammate Bryan Frew, "He should be in a better league, but we're happy to have him."

GREATEST INTRAMURAL TEAM

Winner

Tie: UNO men's and UNO women's basketball - Both teams won the Lincoln Regional Intramural Basketball Tournament in Lincoln and are now headed to the national basketball tournament in Raleigh, N.C. For the 'every man' in all of us here on staff, congratulations and good luck in Raleigh.

BEST GAME/EVENT

Nominees

Football's thrilling 25-21-comeback victory over eventual national champion NWMSU in home opener.
Swimming's comeback on fourth and final day of the NCC championships to edge out perennial champion. North Dakota by a mere 1.5 points.
Men's Basketball erasing 16-point second-half deficit to defeat St. Cloud State in NCC quarterfinals.
Hockey's defeat of Alaska in CCHA playoff game in triple-overtime to advance to second round was the longest game in UNO history and ninth longest in NCAA history.



Winner

Swimming - The final point totals: UNO 1148, UND 1146.5. The Mavs trailed North Dakota, a team that had claimed 25 of the last 27 conference swimming titles, by 71.5 points entering the final day. The event stretched four days and came down to the final seconds, and the HPER pool fans were on their feet throughout the final relay.

MOST COMPETITIVE INDIVIDUAL

Nominees

Jeff Souder, *football*
Dan Charleston, *hockey*
Casey Bigsby, *soccer*
Justin Petersen, *men's basketball*

Winner

Casey Bigsby, *soccer* - The junior led the team with 10 goals and earned second-team all region honors, but it was the way she went about her business that made her stand out. A relentless drive for the ball and a passion that beams from her face on game day is why Bigsby deserves this award.

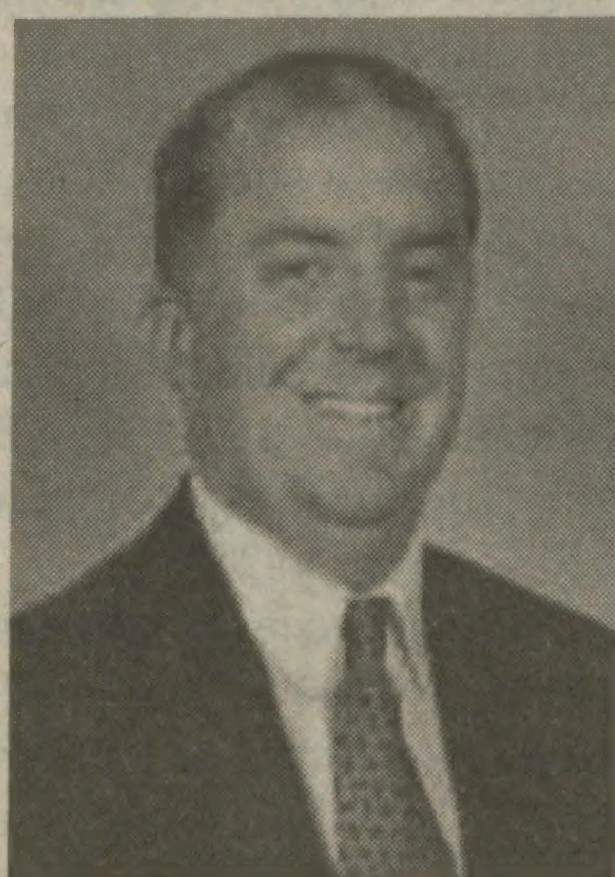
BEST COACH

Nominees

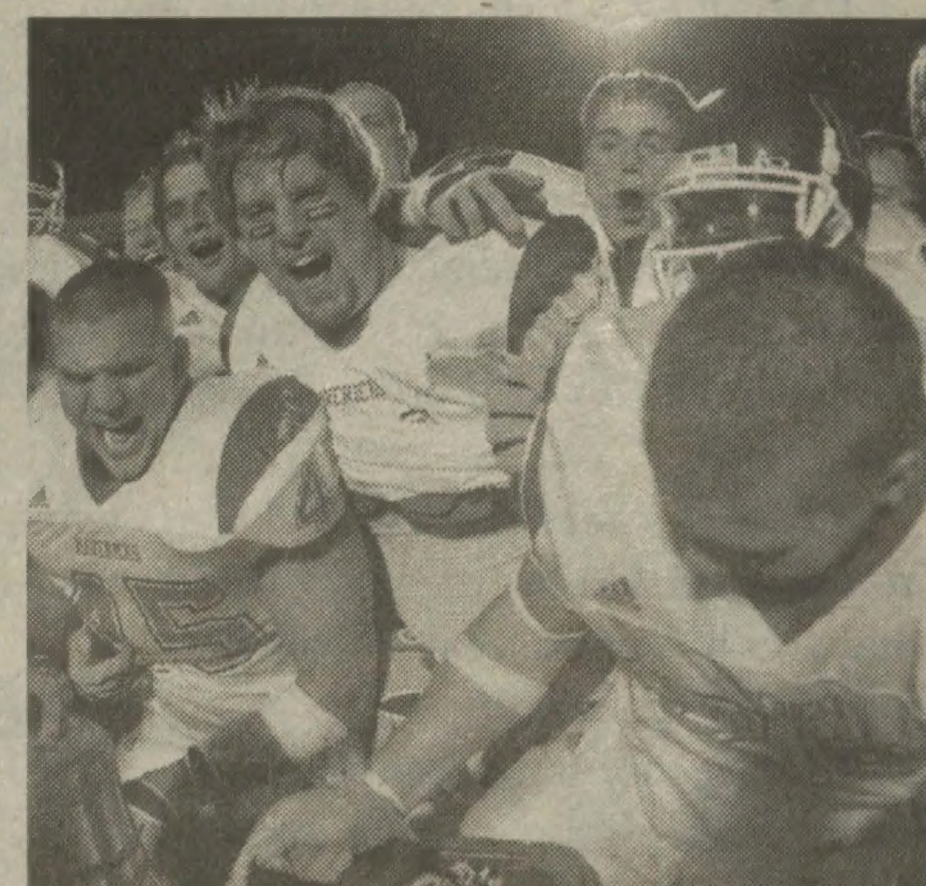
Bob Herold, *baseball*
Derrin Hansen, *men's basketball*
Pat Behrms, *football*
Mike Denney, *wrestling*

Winner

Derrin Hansen, *men's basketball* - In just his third season, Hansen led his team to 13 more wins than a year ago. Hansen's team seemed young and inexperienced at the beginning of the season and was picked to finish dead last in the NCC. Instead, his Mavs meshed together brilliantly on their way to an NCC title and a national tournament win.



BEST TEAM



Nominees

Football
Soccer
Baseball
Wrestling
Softball

Winner

Football
Under

Head Coach Pat Behrms, the football team managed its first undefeated regular season since 1954 and claimed the NCC championship outright. Before a disappointing early exit in the playoffs, the Mavs beat top-notch opponents South Dakota, Central Washington, North Dakota and eventual national champion Northwest Missouri State on their way to a No. 1 national ranking that they held for much of the season.

BEST RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCE

Nominees

Brandie Beale, career assist record, *soccer*
Lindsey Kline, 500- and 800- times at nationals, *swimming*
Mick Lawrence, power-play goals in a season, *hockey*
Cody Garcia, most falls in least amount of time at nationals, *wrestling*

Winner

Mick Lawrence, power-play goals in a season, *hockey* - Lawrence didn't just break the school record, he smashed it. Lawrence's 15 man-advantage goals this season leapfrogged the previous record of nine, set by Bill Thomas in 2004-05, and paved the way for one of the best power-play units in the country.

MOST IMPROVED TEAM

Nominees

Men's basketball
Swimming
Football

Winner

Men's basketball - This one wasn't even close. This team was mediocre at best last season, finishing 12-16 overall and 3-9 within the NCC. With newcomers Mitch and Tyler Albers, a healthy Andrew Bridger and the aforementioned resurgence of Bennett, UNO climbed up the national rankings on its way to a 25-7 record and a NCC title. They finally lost to eventual national champion Winona State in the second round of the national tournament.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Nominees

Jerry Bennett, *men's basketball*
Mick Lawrence, *hockey*
Cayla Hargrove, *women's basketball*
Chris Weimer, *baseball*

Winner

Jerry Bennett, *men's basketball* - Bennett was a strong starter last year, but was thought of more as a body and defensive presence in the post. This season, Bennett developed a mid-range jumper and an increased tenacity on the offensive glass. His 12.4 points and 8.9 rebounds per game led his team to an NCC title.

baseball photo by Jason Sibson
football, swimming and soccer photos by Michelle Bishop

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the games, the networks employ two strategies. First and foremost is the sob story. While you may not exactly be enthralled by the women's 200-meter butterfly, there might be some incentive to pull for the girl from Nebraska who donated her kidney to her sister because she's "her inspiration."

Second best is the strategy of hyping up the games you think people actually want to see. Most guys may not be into watching some guy from Trinidad and Tobago run the 400 meters, but keep telling them that basketball's up soon, and they might just stick it out.

Regarding American sports in the Olympics, don't expect much anymore. Remember baseball, our national pastime and everything? It's getting the axe right after the Beijing games - it was all college kids anyway. Basketball, on the other hand, is thriving internationally, far too well for our own

good. Basketball used to be a free gold for the U.S. - we invented the game. The days of the Dream Team dunking on poor Lithuanians, unfortunately, are long gone. The U.S. team came in third in 2004 behind Argentina and Italy. The International Olympic Committee, however, ensured that the United States would retain its dominance in the Winter Games by instating snowboarding and other crazy sports that we, once again, invented.

Luckily, for those who have already made up their minds about the games, the networks will probably stick to their typical advertisement plans. Unfortunately, this means a massive helping of stars and stripes shoved right down your throat. So strap yourself in this summer and prepare yourself for nine hours of people swimming laps.

Unless, of course, you hate America.

NCAA downplays Heels-Obama hoops issue

ROBBI PICKERAL
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (MCT) - North Carolina's men's basketball team on Tuesday had what a team official called an extraordinary chance to play basketball with presidential candidate Barack Obama.

It was so extraordinary that an NCAA rule appears to have been broken - and the NCAA is apparently going to ignore it.

"This was a unique situation and not an NCAA issue," NCAA media relations director Eric Christianson said in an e-mail message to *The News & Observer* on Tuesday. "It certainly was a great opportunity for the student-athletes to interact with a presidential candidate."

At issue is the timing of the informal scrimmage and the fact that UNC coach Roy Williams watched it from the sideline.

According to NCAA bylaws, coaches are not allowed to watch pick-up games at any time during the offseason. Division I basketball teams also are prohibited from any mandatory athletically related offseason activities through final exams. Exams began Monday at UNC.

Team spokesman Steve Kirschner said Williams knew he wasn't supposed to be at the Smith Center practice gym under the letter of the NCAA rules, but that these were "extraordinary circumstances," and, with the number of Secret Service personnel on site, the coach wanted to be there to make sure that everything went OK.

Kirschner also said the Tar Heels play voluntary pick-up games all the time that are within the rules because they are not mandatory. That's what took place on Tuesday, he said.

"What they got to experience today was one of the most educational things they'll ever do at the University of North

Carolina ... they got to talk, laugh, play with a man who might be the next president of the United States," Kirschner said. "Coach could watch our guys play pick-up every day but doesn't, and that's when there aren't 50 or so members of the media there to broadcast it to the world."

The game was set up, Kirschner said, when a member of Obama's campaign told Angie Bitting, director of the Smith Center, that the candidate would like to play a pick-up game with the Tar Heels. Obama has been playing basketball at other campaign stops.

Bitting contacted Williams, who gave his consent as long as no players missed exams. Williams then asked video coordinator Eric Hoots to contact the team members and tell them they could play if they wanted to.

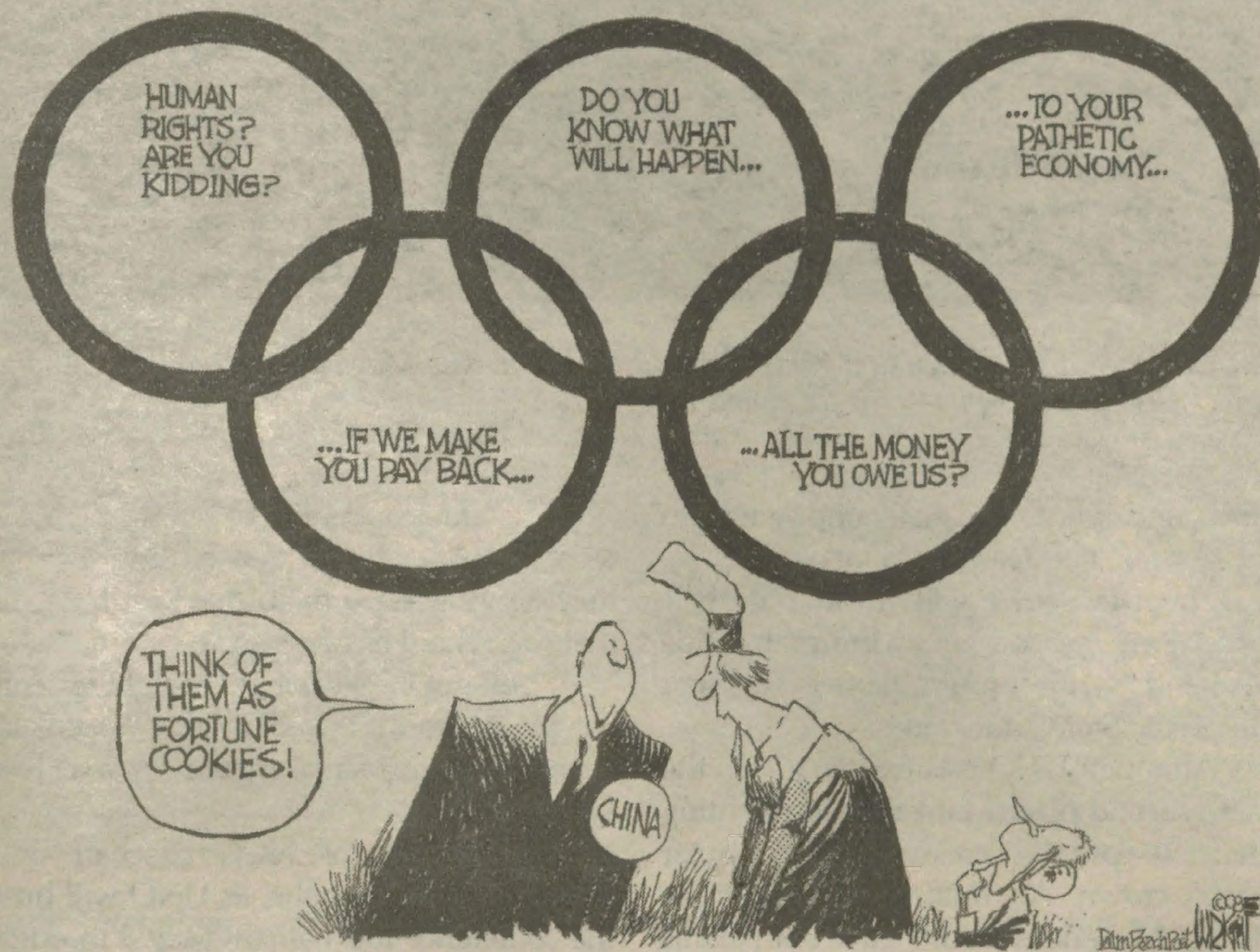
Tuesday morning, Obama toured the UNC lockerroom with Williams and his wife, Wanda, then played pick-up with some team members, including consensus All-America Tyler Hansbrough, Marcus Ginyard, Marc Campbell, Alex Stepheson and Deon Thompson. Former Tar Heels Wes Miller and Sam Perkins also were among those on hand.

Williams, who watched the play from a chair on the sideline, called out at one point: "You've got the future president of the United States wide open."

And, yes, the Tar Heels started passing to him more.

Even as UNC acknowledged that Williams should not have been present, the NCAA's Christianson would not specifically address whether rules were broken or if UNC asked for permission beforehand. Christianson responded again through e-mail: "This is not an NCAA issue."

Staff writer Anne Blythe of the *Raleigh News & Observer* contributed to this report.



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Mavericks make it six straight, remain perfect in NCC play

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO baseball team continued its hot stretch this week as it handed North Central Conference opponent St. Cloud State four losses in double-headers Monday and Tuesday in St. Cloud, Minn.

In all four wins, the Mavericks once again used their hot bats and solid defense to defeat St. Cloud State 11-1, 8-1, 6-5 and 8-1.

"It's got to be our offense right now, that is our strongpoint," said shortstop Evan Porter. Porter drove home seven runs in the series, including a three-run home run in Tuesday's game one.

"Our defense is also playing great right now," Porter said. "As they say, defense wins championships, and we usually find a way to stop teams' rallies with our defense."

The Mavericks (36-10, 16-0) only trailed once during the four-game sweep – they were down 5-4 for one full inning in the third game – and they are certainly competing at a high level at this point in the season. UNO has won 24 of its last 25 games and is certainly in the driver's seat to bring home the last NCC crown.

"Guys are finding their ways on base and extending the innings right now," said UNO Head Coach Bob Herold. "We are balanced right now with timely hitting, and we are pitching the ball very well."

In the first game of the series, sluggers Evan Porter and Chris Weimer each had three hits and drove home a combined six runs. Third baseman Brian Strawn added three RBIs. Chris Kessinger threw a complete game in the 11-1 win. The junior ace allowed one run and fanned nine.

The second game on Monday followed a similar script, themed with hot Maverick bats and solid Maverick pitching.

Mat Eikmeier had a big game for the

Mavs as he went two for four and drove home three runs. Weimer hit a home run in the second inning, giving him an NCC-leading 15 home runs on the season. Lead-off man Bryan Frew also hit a home run in the game, giving him 10 on the season.

Dustin Koca was on the mound in this one and recorded another complete game for the visiting Mavericks. He gave up just two hits, allowed one earned run and struck out 14. The performance on the mound was enough to earn Koca co-NCC Pitcher of the Week honors.

After the sweep on Monday, the Mavericks came out firing once again and put four runs on the board in the first inning of Tuesday's opener.

St. Cloud State came back firing in this game and matched UNO's four runs in the first inning. After the high-scoring first, the game slowed down. A run didn't occur until the fifth inning, when St. Cloud took the lead 5-4.

The Maverick bats once again rallied in the seventh and scored two runs to ultimately win 6-5. Porter went two for four from the plate, hit another home run and drove home three runs. Weimer also went two for four and drove home two runs in the game.

After Taylor Weisbeck gave up five runs in five innings, he handed the ball off to Brandon Dahl. UNO's sophomore reliever came in and pitched two scoreless innings to earn the win.

The last game of the series was a blowout by the Mavericks, as St. Cloud State was once again up against too much offense. Josh Shirk and Brian Goliber each drove home two runs in an 8-1 victory to close out the sweep.

Tim Huber and Blake Denoyer combined to pitch a solid game for the Mavs, with each allowing just three hits.

"We got a great team from top to bottom," Porter said. "We don't strike out



photo by Michelle Bishop

Tim Huber delivers a pitch in a game earlier this season. The Mavs are 36-10 overall and a perfect 16-0 in NCC play with six games left.

much, and everyone usually finds a way to get on base. This team has a lot of talent."

The Mavericks will finish out their conference season in Minnesota this weekend with four games against Minnesota State, Mankato.

Although UNO is currently 16-0 in the NCC, second place Mankato has a fighting chance to split the conference's last regular season crown. An unlikely sweep of the visiting Mavericks would leave both teams at 16-4 in the conference.

The Mavs appear to be poised to make quite a run in the postseason this year, as they are playing some of the best baseball that this school has ever seen.

"You got to get hot at the right time in the postseason," Herold said. "We got to keep it in perspective right now and just keep winning."

The tenure of NCC baseball will officially end in Omaha, as UNO will host the conference tournament May 8 through May 11 at the Ball Park at Boys Town.

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Softball prepares for NCC title run

Mavs face biggest test of season as conference tournament play begins

SEAN OWENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO Mavericks softball team, currently 38-11 overall and 9-2 in conference, will prepare to face its biggest challenge of the season as they travel to Duluth, Minn., to compete in the North Central Conference's final tournament starting today.

The Mavericks will face stiff competition against the other talented members of the conference who are making their final run at a NCC title.

Standing in the way of UNO is its

Maverick counter-part, Minnesota State, Mankato. The clash of the Mavericks started earlier this season when UNO swept Mankato in a double-header in Omaha.

This time around, the Mankato Mavericks (36-12, 10-2) are carrying a 19-game win streak, while UNO has dropped five of its last six.

Other teams in the conference have not fared as well as the two top-seeded Mavericks, but in tournament play some records can be thrown out. The University of South Dakota is in third place in the

conference with a record of 17-23, 6-6 in NCC play.

In pitching, UNO leads the conference in earned run average with a 2.20 percentage, slightly besting MSU's average of 2.23. However, Mankato dominates the league in strikeouts with 296, edging UNO's 245 for the season.

In the hitting department, St. Cloud State leads all teams in the conference with a batting average of .334 and a hit total of 445. North Dakota, though sitting at a conference record of 2-10, leads all teams in home runs with 65, nearly doubling the next best total of 36 by SCSU.

On the defensive side of the field, SCSU leads the league with 1,002 putouts and a fielding percentage of .969.

Individually, the NCC has groomed a wide range of all-star caliber players from many different schools in the conference. Some notable performers include SCSU's Jenny Gensch, who leads the conference with 17 home runs and 126 total bases on the year; UNO's Leslie Svoboda, who led the league with 61 RBIs and four triples on the year; SCSU's Rachel Haines, who finished the season with a league-leading 68 hits; and UNO's Chanel Reaves, who led the league in stolen bases with 25 on 28 attempts.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Coach Jeanne Scarpello will be looking to lead her team to the league's final NCC title this weekend in Duluth, Minn.

The top-rated hitter in the NCC was Cassie Hanson of North Dakota. Hanson finished her final NCC season with a .537 batting average, 50 runs scored, 39 RBIs, 66 hits and 13 home runs in 123 at-bats, making UND a team not to be taken lightly.

The top-rated pitcher in the NCC this season was Meagan Teal of MSU. Teal produced a 1.51 earned run average with a record of 17-4 in 143.1 innings pitched. Teal also allowed just 31 earned runs and struck out 180 batters.

The top-tier teams of UNO and MSU are sure to put up a dogfight in this weekend's tournament. However, it is the quiet assassins like UND and SCSU that all teams must watch out for.

In a game in which it only takes one pitch to end a dream for good, no team should be overlooked in this run at the last NCC crown.

UNO will face No. 7 seeded UND this morning at 10 to kick-off the action.



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Treightin Yates steals second during the Mavs game against Augustana earlier this season.

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Brewing success in Nebraska

A profile of Lincoln's Empyrean Brewing Company

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Empyrean Brewing Company believes that we're all brewers at heart, whether we're brewing dreams or brewing beer.

In 1991, Rich Chapin's little, brewed dream became a reality when he was chosen as head brewer of the newly founded Lazlo's Brewery and Grill.

Lazlo's was the first brewpub to open in Nebraska and, in that year alone, nearly 15,500 gallons of beer were sold. In 1998, Empyrean Brewing Company was founded in

order to sell Lazlo's brews to outside vendors.

"We have four of our own restaurants. Three Lazlo's locations – including one in Omaha – and Fireworks," said Jim Engelbart, marketing and production manager of Empyrean Brewing Company. "Our beer is then sold to a middle man by law. We have seven different beer distributors that we work with in Nebraska."

In 2001, Empyrean became the biggest brewery in Nebraska and by 2002 was the first brewer to distribute statewide. With over 400 retail accounts, Lazlo's sells the highest volume of Empyrean beer, followed by Super Saver in Lincoln.

But if you're not willing to drive to Lincoln for a good brew, Empyrean products can also be found at Lazlo's Omaha location, Old Chicago and local grocery stores.

Dave Doll, bar manager at the Old Chicago on Cass Street, appreciates a good beer, especially if it's from Empyrean.

"A lot of their brews are very mainstream," Doll said. "They don't make a lot of exotic kinds of beers, though they are very distinctive. They're very palatable."

Empyrean brews 12 beers, providing a variety to please any kind of beer drinker.

When asked what he recommends to first time Empyrean drinkers, Engelbart said he usually asks what kind of beer a person normally drinks.

"I usually recommend our Chaco Canyon Honey Gold," he said. "It's our lightest bodied beer. It's the most easy-going."

Another suggestion is Empyrean's latest brewing adventure, the friendly Better World Wheat. Its Belgian Wit style and citrusy flavor makes it easy to swallow, literally.

Engelbart said it's another beer that is "easy on the



photo by Andrea Barbe

Empyrean Brewing Company is Omaha's biggest brewery and the only brewery in Nebraska to distribute their beers.



photo by Andrea Barbe

For a cost of \$5.50, Lazlo's Brewery and Grill offers an eight-beer sampler of all of their brews in shot glasses.

pallet."

Although Empyrean Brewing Company isn't allowed to ship its beer across the country for distribution without the help of a third party, they are allowed to ship it out for competition.

Each year, Empyrean enters brews for The World Beer Cup competition held in San Diego. Though they didn't win a prize this year, they took home the silver medal for the Extra Special Bitter category in 2006.

With over 90 categories judged, Empyrean often competes with 30 to 70 beers around the world. Over 3000 breweries have competed in the competition.

"It's like the Olympics of beer," Engelbart said.

Empyrean's Luna Sea ESB is one of their most noted

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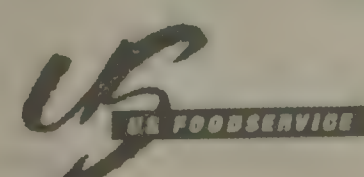
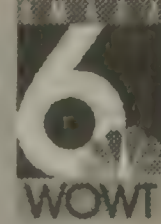
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SUMMER 2008

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May 2 - Recently regrouped rock legends The Police join equally famous/intriguing Elvis Costello at the Qwest Center at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$52 to \$227.

May 2 - The Omaha Community Playhouse presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," a chilling tale based in Puritan inhabited Salem, Mass. about witchcraft allegations of the townspeople. The show runs until June 1.

May 15 - Spoken word artist Nebraska will be at the Loves Jazz and Arts center as part of its "Poetry in Motion" showcase. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. with an open mic session at 6:30 p.m. The event costs \$4 for non-members.

May 16 & May 17 - Maestro Wilkins and the Omaha orchestra pay their respects to the highly acclaimed American film composer John Williams. Williams has composed the music for almost 80 films - most notably "Star Wars," "Jaws" and "Superman" - and has earned numerous Academy and Grammy Awards. This two-day event takes place in the Kiewit Concert Hall of the Holland Performing Arts Center. Ticket costs range from \$15 to \$80.

May 17 - New York City's longest running improv act, Chicago City Limits, plays at the Holland Performing Arts Center for an evening of hysterics. Their "PG-Rated" is at 7 p.m. and the adults-only act goes on at 9 p.m.

May 18 - The Qwest Center hosts its first-ever WWE pay-per-view event, "Judgment Day," starring everyone's favorite spandex-clad warriors of the squared circle. "Judgment" begins at 6:45 p.m. with tickets ranging from \$50 to \$250.

May 19 - Omaha originals and Saddle Creek superstars Cursive rock skulls at Slowdown. The show, featuring mostly-new material will be supported by Landing on the Moon. Tickets are \$12.

May 20 & May 21 - Sultry disco-pop goddess Jenny Lewis and the rest of Rilo Kiley return to Omaha for a two-night stand at Slowdown. Opening are The Spinto Band and Nik Freitas. Tickets are \$18.

June 3 - Buckethead, one of America's fastest and most eccentric guitarists, is headed to the Waiting Room for an evening of pure freakadelics. Up-and-coming one man band That 1 Guy is scheduled to open. Tickets are \$22 with doors at 8 p.m.

June 5 through June 8 - The quiet adjacent town of Lawrence, Kan., is hosting the annual Wakarusa Music Festival. The lineup is a melting pot of diverse acts including The Flaming Lips, CAKE, Zappa Plays Zappa, Ben Folds, Emmylou Harris and more. Omaha's own Tilly and the Wall is also on the bill. Tickets are \$159 for a four-day pass and single day

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passes are \$49 in advance and \$60 at the gate.

June 7 - Twenty artists are designing limited edition t-shirts for sale at the Image Market Art Show hosted by Hot Shops. All of the proceeds are to go to the Ronald McDonald foundation. The event runs from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

June 7 - Dweezil Zappa, son of legendary and accomplished American composer Frank Zappa, comes to Omaha for an intimate outing at Joslyn Art Museum's Witherspoon Hall. The younger Zappa will be joined by some veterans of Frank's old bands as well as young, talented newcomers. Tickets range from \$32-\$72.

June 18 - After being disbanded for over 25 years, legendary jazz-rock masterminds Return to Forever, led by keyboardist Chick Corea, will make a stop at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Tickets range from \$51.50 to \$61.50 with VIP packages that range from \$239 to \$379.

June 29 to July 6 - Thousands will pack the Qwest Center to see which Americans will represent the United States in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Tickets range from \$275-\$475.

July 5 - Crystal Forge of the Hot Shops art gallery and workshop hosts a home brewing contest. Locally home crafted beers, wines and ciders are eligible. Entry forms can be printed off at hotshopsartcenter.com. Judging begins at 5 p.m.

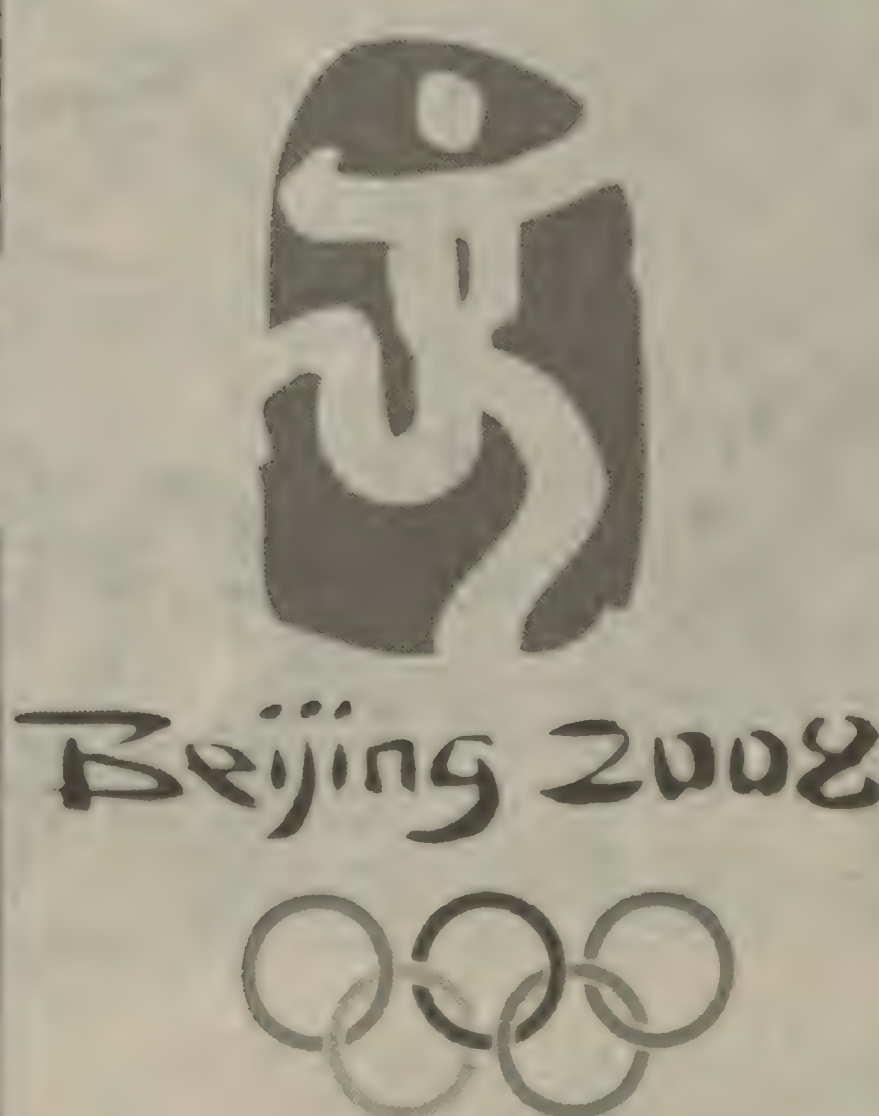
July 12 - Leslie Feist, writer of the highly addictive song "1234" will grace Omaha for it's annual free concert at Memorial Park. Times and other acts to be announced at a later date.

July 20 - The Qwest Center hosts an evening of classic ballads and sing-a-longs from one of the most revered classic rocker of all time, Tom Petty. Petty and his band will be joined by Traffic's Steve Winwood. The show is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets range from \$53-\$97.

July 20 - Aaron Freeman and Mickey Melchiando, a.k.a. Gene and Dean Ween, make a stop at Harrah's Stir Concert Cove as part of its summer concert



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series. Ween is best known for their genre spanning, imaginatively written rock songs and lengthy live shows. Tickets are \$25.

Aug. 8 - The Crazy Eights and 88 Lesser Themes, touted as "the art event of the summer," features original works from Mike Scheef, Joel Holm, Derek Courtney, Kim Kuhn and over 100 other local, national and international artists. The event is located at the Hot Shots art gallery and workshop. The event starts at 8 p.m.



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Web comics

Taking over the Internet one comic at a time

Written by Pamela Bouterse, the Gateway's Features editor. She also runs her own Web comic at mevo.stripgenerator.com.

We all know the Internet has made information easier to access, but it has also become a new medium for creativity all over the world.

Web users can post and access music, videos, creative writing and art. However, a lesser known, but increasingly popular, outlet can also be found in online comics.

Although comic artists do not need the Internet to create their works, the Web provides comic writers with a quick, cheap and easy way to publish new strips.

Like newspapers, the Internet allows for the easy publication of traditional cartoon strips and graphic novels. However, unlike newspapers, it has also opened the market to comics made by everyday people.

Web comic creators can publish new panels sometimes as often as every day, often exclusively online, giving comic lovers a chance to read a variety of different comics. Much like user-created videos on YouTube, the popularity of Web comics has increased dramatically since 2001.

Senior David Golbitz, a journalism major, is a comic book enthusiast who in the past couple of years has expanded his enthusiasm for comics to include Web comics.

"I like that they're usually pretty short," Golbitz said. "They only take a few seconds to read, but there's usually a complete story or gag within those few frames."

Golbitz said the artwork in comics, both print and online, is appealing, but that it is good writing that keeps him reading.

"I guess I see comics as the merging of the best of film and the best of novels, but it's still something that's pretty unique unto itself," he said.

Robert "Bob" Fulkerson, a computer science instructor at UNO, also reads Web comics. In fact, he reads them so often that he has made a Perl program to retrieve his favorite comics automatically every day.

"I do mostly traditional comics - 'Fox Trot,' 'Calvin and Hobbes,' 'Bloom County,' 'Luann,' 'Get Fuzzy,' 'Adam@Home,' 'Dilbert,' etc.," Fulkerson said in a Facebook message. "[I] also read a few Web-only comics when I get a chance like 'xkcd.'"

For Golbitz, it was the humor that drew him to a lot of online comics.

"A lot of the regular comics I read are pretty dark, and most Web comics trend more towards humor, so maybe I like them for that balance," Golbitz said. "When I find a Web comic I like, I tend to stick with it."

Many Web comics create a unique environment such as online community fan bases. Unlike comic book fans who have to travel to comic conventions to talk to their favorite artists, Web comic fans have the advantage of forums, e-mail and blogs.

Comic creators can even use their close online relationship with their fans via the Web comic communities to gain constructive feedback, publicity and give readers a chance to control

the direction of the comic's plot.

Many online comics have a theme that draws a specific audience such as "Multiplex" by Gordon McAlpin, a Web comic about movie theater employees; "Questionable Content" by J. Jacques, a Web comic made of indie references; "xkcd" by Randall Munroe, an online comic that explores philosophy, physics, math and love; and "American Elf" by James Kochalka, a journal of a famous rock star and comic artist in his day-to-day life drawn into a daily comic.

Web comics also have their own annual awards - the Web Cartoonists Choice Awards. Anyone who has kept a Web comic for the previous year is eligible to vote and be nominated for an award. Awards have been given out annually since 2001, according to the Web Cartoonists' Choice Awards' official site.

Web comic creators are usually self-sustained financially using their Web sites to not only publish their art, but to also offer subscriptions and host shops that sell fan t-shirts, games, accessories and hard copies of the comics.

Tim Buckley, creator of the Web comic "Ctrl+Alt+Del," said on his Web site that he sells advertising space in order to help finance Web site hosting costs.

"Penny Arcade," a popular gaming online comic, uses their popularity to give back to the community by giving readers a chance to donate to needy children through Amazon.com and PayPal. According to the charity's official Web site, Child's Play has received over \$2 million in donations of toys, games, books and cash for sick kids in children's hospitals across the world.



"Penny Arcade," written by Jerry Holkins and Mike Krauhulik, has been in operation since 1998. According to 1up.com, it is currently the most popular Web-based comic.

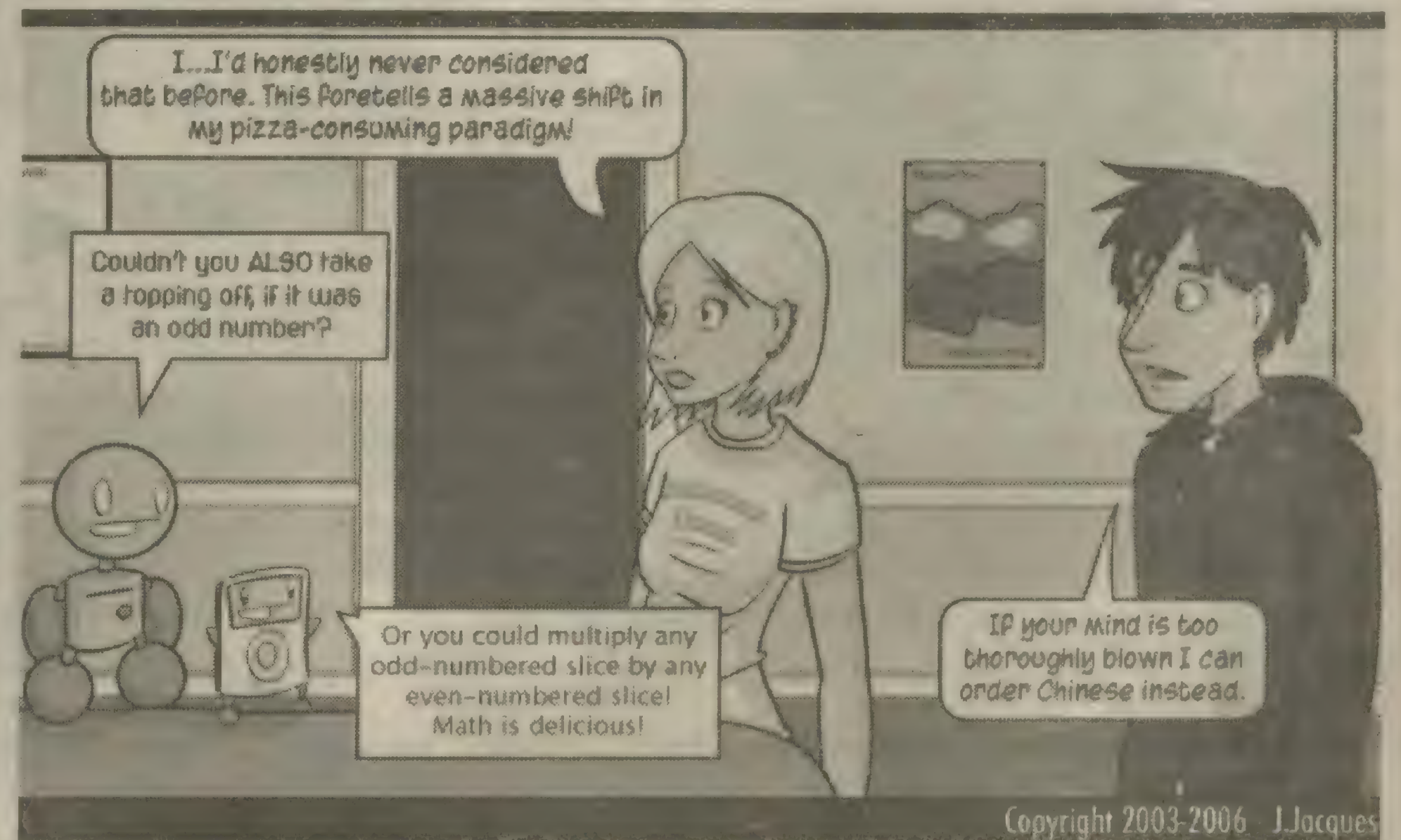


"PhD" (Piled Higher and Deeper) is a comic strip written by Jorge Cham following the lives of several grad students. The comic was first published in 1997 and focuses on the perilous lives of graduate students.



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Centering on non-sequitur stick drawings, "XKCD" was created by Randall Munroe in 2005. This comic is used by Fulkerson in his Perl course.



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"Anthropomorphic PC" Pinsize, OCD friend Hannalore and main character Marten Reed are all regular features in J. Jacques' slice-of-life Web comic "Questionable Content."

Although online comics are relatively young, if their current success is any indicator, they will only continue to grow in popularity as technology takes over daily life. There may be a day where, instead of waking up to the funnies in the newspaper, America will log onto the Internet for their daily dose of comics.

Editor-in-Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this story.

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Thought, process center of 2008 thesis art exhibit



Above, senior Joe McNally used portrait photography, shot costumed subjects with 35 mm film for his thesis project.



Above, senior Brian Truttman's work is mixed-media sculptures made out of hot glue. The installation features a dark room illuminated by LED lights. "[People] say it has sort of a calming feel and I guess they feel like they're in some kind of a different place than a normal gallery," Truttman explained.



At left, as part of her installation, senior Ashley Vak showcased the work she's done in book-binding and sewing. According to her artist statement, Vak has sewn together 17,127 folded postcards over 594 hours over the past one-and-a-half years. "I found these checks and I was like 'I'm going to sew them together,'" she said. "That's been my obsessive routine ... and I've just been trying to morph them into different shapes just so I don't get bored with it."

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Above, senior Moncia Yoo's work "The Babel Project" takes a literal interpretation of the transitive properties of language. Yoo's piece featured a biblical passage about the tower of Babel constructed out of ice which melted down to a fabric layer the day of the show's opening.

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4x4 Volleyball

Sunday 4/20/08
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 Jackass forfeit vs Practice Safe Sets
 The Slammers-bye
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 Creepers 0-2 vs Power Rangers 2-0
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 Power Rangers-bye

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 Sig Ep A 13 vs Pike 7

Thursday 4/17/08
 Zeta Tau Alpha 10 vs Sigma Kappa 13
 Chi Omega 8 vs Alpha Xi Delta 4

Thursday 4/24/08
 Sigma Kappa 6 vs Alpha Xi Delta 11
 Zeta Tau Alpha forfeit vs Chi Omega

Sunday 4/20/08
 He Bleeded's forfeit vs Ballz Deep
 2 Legit 2 Quilt vs Pink Zebras forfeit
 F.O.C.U.S-bye
 The Underachievers 11 vs One Armed Bandits 6
 Injured Ducks 0 vs Hometown Heros 10

Sunday 4/27/08
 2 Legit 2 Quilt vs He Bleeded's forfeit
 Pink Zebras forfeit vs F.O.C.U.S forfeit
 Ballz Deep-bye
 One Armed Bandits 21 vs Injured Ducks 1
 Hometown Heros 5 vs The Underachievers 8

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Sunday 4/20/08
 Dog in a Bath Tub 7 vs Crazy Spoons 26
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 The Fighting Mongoose's-bye
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 Sexy Whistle 20 vs Team Schnarf Schnarf 28
 Aftershock 15 vs B304 32
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The final countdown

Preparing for the best, worst final exam formats

COMMENTARY BY
JUDY HANSEN
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Finals week is upon us. Stress increases and sleep decreases. Procrastinators and partygoers join the bookworms and brownnosers as everyone heads to the library to prepare for final examinations.

We all know that not all finals are created equal. Some instructors take pity on students after a long semester of hard work. Whereas other professors want to see us sweat until the very end. Without further ado, here are six types of finals listed from best to worst, as well as some advice on how to prepare.

1. The optional final

The winner by a long shot is the optional final. Instructors who give optional finals usually drop the lowest test score. Students who are satisfied with previous test grades can skip the final exam. Those who want to boost their grades can try their luck with the final. It's a win-win situation.

The best part of an optional final is the fact that students can study as much or as little as they want. Shoot for the stars or shoot yourself in the foot; either way, it's OK.

2. The nonexistent final

Second is the nonexistent final. Some readers may be surprised to see the nonexistent final in second rather than first. This is because if there is no final, that means students do not have any last opportunities to raise or save their grades. Of course, many students prefer not to have finals. They can terminate the semester and get summer started sooner.

"The nonexistent final is my favorite type of final," said UNO student Sarah Jee. "That way, I can spend time volunteering instead of studying."

To prepare for a nonexistent final, students need to go shopping and get an early start on planning summer pool parties.

3. The final speech

Coming in at number three is the final speech or oral examination. Many people fear public speaking more than death, so it may be surprising that this category made the top half of the list. However, speeches are over in just a few minutes. Plus, they usually require less preparation than exams.

Preparing for a final speech is easy. Practice in front of a mirror a few times, as UNO speech teachers such as Rita Shaughnessy have advised students. Anticipate questions that audience members may ask and think of suitable answers.

4. The group project

In fourth place is the group project. Group work has its downsides. One group member usually ends up doing most of the work, while everyone takes equal credit. This gives slackers an opportunity to do what they do best: nothing. Good students are burdened by doing the work of several people.

However, group projects have positive sides as well. UNO journalism teacher Melodae Lane has groups of students make mock magazines for her magazine editing classes. She points out the good that comes out of working with others.

"Creating a mock magazine takes a significant amount

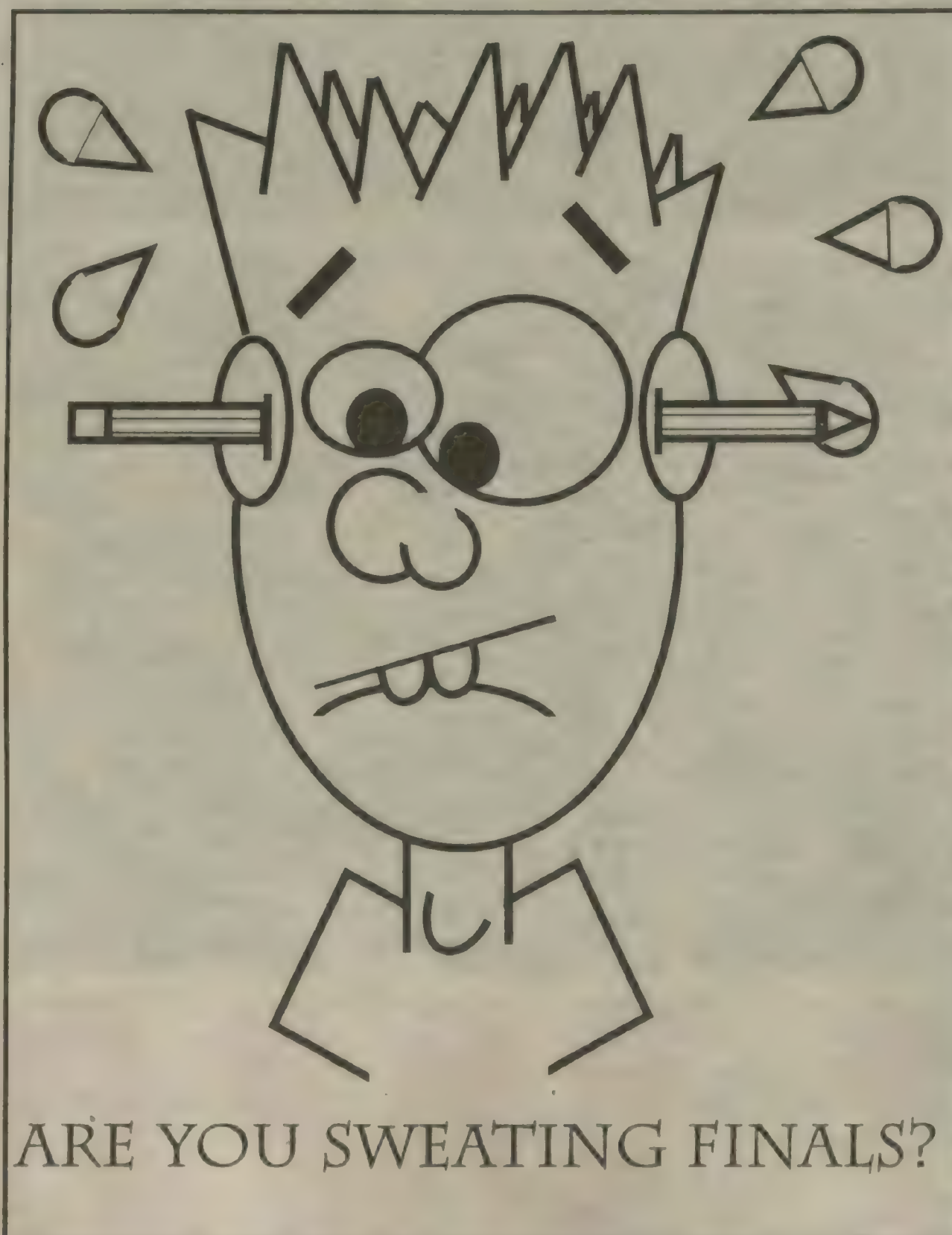


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of planning, teamwork, communication and synergy of creative and technical talents," Lane said. "It seems fitting to focus on group work rather than a written test."

To prepare for a group project, make sure each group member has a specific task and a group due date set before the actual classroom due date. Exchange contact information as soon as possible and keep everyone in the loop.

5. The timed cumulative exam

Fifth is the dreaded timed cumulative exam. Many cumulative exams contain detailed questions and are worth a significant percent of the class grade. A lot is riding on a single test. If a student has one bad day, he or she is toast.

The best advice is to avoid procrastination. Get caught up on all required readings about a week before the test. Two or three days before the exam, gather and review all class notes. Then move on to actual studying.

6. The mystery final

Readers may be surprised that the killer cumulative exam is not in last place on this list. That honor goes to the mystery final. One never knows what to expect during a mystery final. Some teachers are unable or unwilling to tell students what will be on the final or what format it will be in.

Mystery finals are common in large classes that are taught by several different people. In some introductory biology classes, for example, five instructors teach one class. Each teacher writes a portion of the final exam. In this case, students have no idea what to expect.

It seems as though the only way to prepare for a mystery final is to study all semester long.

Surely we can sacrifice our social lives for a little while. We are almost done with finals, and summer will be here soon. Good luck. We will all need it.

What finals DO you HAVE?

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Amanda Day
Freshman, Spanish and pre-med

"I have biology, chemistry and Spanish, all of which are cumulative."



Christopher Thomas Westman
Junior, physics and mathematics

"I have a world civ[ilization] [II] final, a cumulative in intro to mathematical analyst, five final papers and a physics paper/presentation."



Heather Scott
Junior, psychology

"World civ[ilization] I, a cumulative in American sign language and a cumulative in psych methods."



Marques Hollie
Junior, vocal music performance and international studies

"As a music major, most of my finals are this week, then I have two next week. Three are cumulative."



Megan Lackman
Junior, broadcasting

"I have religion and math and three last tests during finals week."

You can make it!



Pamela Bouterse / Gateway

Parking Update

FROM CAMPUS SECURITY

Several parking changes will take place on campus due to renovation of the HPER building, construction of the new College of Business Administration building and the opening of Maverick Village.

Some changes will happen over the summer as these projects get underway:

With the opening of Maverick Village comes the addition of a second parking structure at the Dodge location. The new structure along University Drive South, west of Maverick Village, will be reserved parking.

Students living at University Village (UV) and Maverick Village (MV) and parking a vehicle on campus will be restricted to lots L and J. Lot L is currently used by UV residents. Lot J will be designated as the new University Drive South parking structure. There is enough capacity in lots L and J to allow all the residents of UV and MV to have a parking place. A permit will be required, as well as a surcharge, to park in lots J and L. An access card will be necessary to enter either lot.

But not all students who live at the Dodge location have a vehicle on campus. There will be additional spaces in lots J and L. Commuter students, faculty and staff may purchase a permit/access card on a first come, first serve basis. The two lots will not be over-sold. The permit for lots J and L will be valid only in lots J and L. The permits will also be honored in the appropriate lots at the Pacific and Center locations.

Additional changes for the fall include:

- »»» A portion of lot 6 at the Pacific location will be closed for construction of the new CBA building.
- »» Lots O and Q at the Dodge location will be closed for renovation of HPER.
- »» The spaces used during construction on the College of Public Affairs and Community Service building in lot N will be available.
- »» Lot Q will be temporarily moved to lot N to accommodate the faculty/staff stalls lost during renovation of HPER.
- »» Lot R will be reduced by 10 spaces with the Henningson Plaza expansion project.
- »» The University Village parking lot, West of lot G, will return to student parking.
- »» Parking will again be available at the Crossroads Mall parking garage. No permit is required.

Updates will be posted throughout the summer at

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Summer move an adventure to me

Controlled Chaos



Cassy Loseke

In eight days I will be starting a new life in a new place. No, I'm not planning on dying – I'm just moving to Washington, D.C., for an internship.

I'm very excited. But a little scared, too. Scared because of the high crime rates. But mainly scared that D.C.'s going to kidnap me.

See, I love D.C. Last year alone, I found any excuse (or conference, rather) to go to the nation's capitol. The atmosphere, the politics, the culture – it excites me. Not to mention most everything's free.

My first experience of D.C. life happened my senior year of high school. My friend Zack and I partook in a non-partisan group called Close Up. Its aim was to spark political interest and civic responsibility in high school students. For me, it started a bonfire.

Prior to the trip, I had taken a keen interest in politics, appalling my parents, and I planned to get a degree in political science as a result.

I was also on the Columbus Junior City Council, the Attorney General Youth Advisory Council and seemed to head down to Lincoln several times a month to visit our representatives in the Unicameral, advocating for change on behalf of a non-profit organization I was part of.

After the first few visits, I declared to my mother that I wanted to some day serve the state by running for office. She didn't understand.

More recently, I got a taste of the political world first hand when I became speaker of the student senate, but that's a whole different story (see "Could it possibly, maybe, somehow be politics that generates student government apathy?" in the Oct. 2 issue of the *Gateway*).

Even after my "experiences," I still have this uncanny desire for serving. Which is why D.C. is such a perfect fit for me.

Although, looking into my background, D.C. may appear to be a stretch just because of the type of city it is. It's big. Bigger than my population of 22,000 in Columbus, Neb., my hometown. And full of concrete: it's more paved than my family's 1000-plus acre farm.

But the diversity is what I'm really excited about. That's one of the things that drew me to UNO – meeting people from all walks of life – something that D.C. easily boasts. What's the point in moving to a new city halfway across the country if you're not willing to expand your horizons? Try some new things? Make some new friends? The idea of starting over is exhilarating – who wouldn't want to begin with a fresh perspective after a couple hard years in college?

Honestly, I'm terrified. It takes a lot of guts to venture out of my warm comfort zone. I don't really know what to expect this summer (other than lots of soccer – Go D.C. United!). It's up for grabs.

And so am I, according to my friends and family. They're convinced that some guy's going to snatch me up as I'm falling in love and walking hand-in-hand around the Washington Memorial. Then, I'm told, I'll come back to UNO to finish my undergraduate degree, only to immediately move back to D.C. to continue the new life I began months before.

Although that seems a somewhat appealing story, it's not something I expect. Or desire, honestly. Maybe I'm just being selfish, but for once in my life, I just want to focus on myself, enjoy all the little things and learn more about God and all the precious gifts He gives us. I'm not interested in exploiting life as a single woman.

All too often I find myself getting caught up in the moment and forget the reason I'm here. That's one of the biggest reasons why heading to D.C. for three months in my lonesome is so appealing. It'll serve as an escape and provide a different reality and an opportunity to refocus.

Leaving my family and friends is not going to be an emotionally or mentally easy ordeal. It's going to suck. But as my friends in Relient K sing: "The end will justify the pain it took to get us there."

Besides, I'll just look at moving as an adventure because that's really what it is: An adventure in an urban city with high crime rates, but awesome soccer.

Don't worry, though; I'll bring mace.

Metaphor for gas consumption can be illuminating, even without change

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

I drive an '88 Volvo 740 station wagon, and lately I've been wondering how horribly fuel inefficient my vehicle is.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, at fuelconomy.gov, my car gets an average of 20 miles per gallon, if it's well maintained. It estimates the cost to drive 25 miles at \$4.24.

Rather than trust numbers like these, though, I decided to start watching my trip odometer.

After a couple weeks, including a round trip to Lincoln to visit a friend, I figured I could go about 220 miles on a tank of gas, which set me back \$40 paying roughly \$3.60 a gallon, the recent norm it seems for regular unleaded. (My Volvo doesn't perform that well on the ethanol mix, either.)

By the way, that puts my car at approximately \$4.55 for a 25 mile drive, meaning I'm probably getting only 17 or 18 miles per gallon.

Being a bit of a math nerd, I estimated that I was paying a couple pennies for every 10th of a mile on my odometer, or roughly a penny every five seconds going 45 miles per

hour.

Then, it finally hit me: my car was consuming gasoline at a rate comparable to a penny squishing machine at a tourist attraction.

This got me wondering how my station wagon measured up to other vehicles, and I remembered that the *Omaha World-Herald* recently featured UNO's Director of Institutional Research Linda Mannering and her 2004 Toyota Prius.

Mannering commutes to Lincoln every workday, adding up to at least 2,000 miles per month – probably easily more, with grocery shopping or any other non-work-related trips. Roughly speaking, then, Mannering is paying no more than 8.75 cents per mile, given the numbers she provided the *World-Herald*.

For the sake of comparison, I'm paying somewhere around 18 to 20 cents per mile, which makes sense since the Prius makes a little better than twice my MPG – 48 city and 45 highway, compared to my measly 18-or-so average.

Figuring these numbers out gave me a new perspective on how I'm personally contributing to such social issues as global climate change, the rising cost of petroleum and even issues like the war in Iraq, which I – as many others do – believe was started primarily over oil.

Of course, like a normal college student who just realized his own impact, I'm not planning to change my habits anytime soon. In fact, since I plan to move back to Bellevue this summer, I expect my driving expenses only to continue to increase.

Nevertheless, finding a visual metaphor for how much gasoline my car is consuming really helped me better understand the cost of transportation these days. (After all, I'm only 21 years old, and I still remember when a \$20 bill was sufficient to fill my tank.)

I would encourage everyone who doesn't really know how much their driving costs to get out a calculator and figure out how much their habits really cost. Your results might be surprising.

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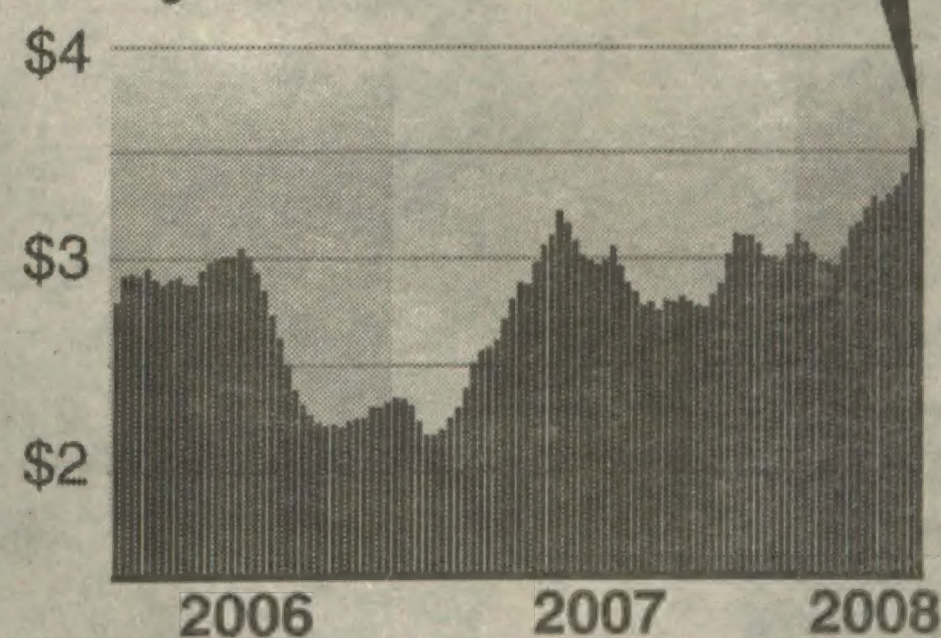
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ELECTION '08



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Not willing to throw away 22 years of celibacy for peers' reasons

Eric D. Davis is a senior in print journalism at Kansas State University. This article is reprinted from U-WIRE from the Kansas State Collegian.

If there's one topic I don't understand, it's sex. It's not that I don't understand where babies come from or what makes a man different from a woman; I just don't understand why people go crazy about sex.

I feel like this is a good time to mention two key facts. One, I have a very idealistic view of sexual intercourse, and two, I am a virgin.

Sister Mary Patrick from "Sister Act 2" said it best when she told her sex-education class, "You don't have to bite the doughnut to know it's sweet."

I grew up in the church and had it pounded into my head that sex before marriage will wreck my life and result in unplanned pregnancies. However, years of thinking for myself and using the brain God gave me have taught me that this is an unrealistic view.

My church pounded it into my head before I graduated. Its leaders warned me that college would be a minefield of "worldly" temptation and I would have to really work hard to not succumb to my boundless sexual desires. That also turned out to be false.

I can remember the first time I tried to have sex with a woman who I didn't know. From the minute we went back to my residence-hall room, I just felt weird. I will spare everyone the embarrassment and just say it didn't happen. Also, I can't remember a time in my life that I have been more embarrassed.

That was the last time I tried to have a one-night stand.

After that, I thought the way into a woman's pants was getting a girlfriend. Again, I will spare you all embarrassing stories and just say that it hasn't happened.

After those first two years of striking out, I just decided that I shouldn't force it and the right moment

would come. It hasn't, but I'm not too worried. In addition to the embarrassing stories that I could tell about my own life, I have the stories of my friends who have been adversely affected by sex.

I have one friend who turned to Internet hook-up sites to meet sexual partners. After that first time, he tried to hold the fact that he was no longer a virgin over my head. I always wanted to ask why he was in such a hurry to prove he could have sex. (This is where my idealistic views come into play.)

Two of my other friends keep going back to relationships they know aren't healthy, but the sex comforts them. I feel like they have their self-worth wrapped up in their libido and if they sleep alone, they are unwanted.

I'm not trying to paint a picture of desperation here; I'm just not willing to throw away 22 years of celibacy for anyone's reasons but my own. I'm sure it will happen one day - I just want it to be on my terms.

From **MARIJUANA**: Page 5

Administration agents raided California Healthcare Collective, Modesto's only medical marijuana dispensary.

Investigators had purchased marijuana from the clinic with fake doctor recommendations and, affidavits filed in the case say, found healthy people who obtained the drug from CHC.

Investigators found more than 1,100 marijuana plants, 13 guns, 60 pounds of processed marijuana and \$140,000 in cash in homes associated with the defendants.

CHC sold \$4.5 million worth of medical marijuana in two years. Scarmazzo, 27, has said he was making \$13,000 a month as its treasurer and secretary.

Four lower-level employees of the dispensary are scheduled to plead guilty to lesser charges - though the plea deals are not an absolute certainty.

That would leave Scarmazzo and Montes, listed in records as the company's president, to stand trial.

For both men, the stakes are high because - in addition to manufacturing and distributing marijuana, and conspiracy charges - they also face a felony charge of operating a continuing criminal enterprise.

It's a charge that carries a mandatory 20-year minimum prison sentence, with the maximum

possibility of a life term.

Capozzi hopes to argue that the two men believed they were following established state law in operating the business. They had a business license. They paid state and federal taxes. In short, Capozzi said, they did not intend to violate the law.

Servatius argued in legal papers that the defendants' belief that their conduct was lawful is irrelevant.

U.S. District Judge Oliver W. Wanger has yet to decide if the defendants may argue that they believed their conduct was legal.

Kris Hermes, legal campaign director with Americans For Safe Access, an organization that supports medical marijuana, said the upcoming trial will get a lot of attention from medical marijuana activists, because not many cases make it this far. Scarmazzo's and Montes's trial, he said, is only the third since the Supreme Court decision.

"There are far, far more raids and indictments, and not many proceeding to trial," he said. "A lot of people unfortunately are pleading out and not putting up a fight against the federal government."

Correspondent Susan Herendeen of the Modesto Bee contributed to this report.

From **EMPYREAN**: Page 12

flavorful beers. Made with hints of caramel and distinctive galena and cluster hops, it certainly is "Extra Special."

Unfortunately for brewers, it's going to start costing them more to continue to brew specialty beers. With the recent increase in the price of hops, smaller breweries are certainly feeling the strain on their budget.

"It's affected us in a lot of ways. We're the state's largest brewery," Engelbart said. "There is currently a 20-percent shortage of hops. It's impossible to get them. For the first time ever we've actually contracted our hops. It's a way of ensuring the hops we need for the next five years."

Engelbart is quick to point out that the accuracy of those kinds of predictions are never a sure thing.

"We have to be sophisticated in forecasting sales," he said. "We have never done a sales forecast longer than three years. You have to make your best educated guess."

With such an important ingredient becoming so expensive, it's bound to have an effect.

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